

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY GUILDWOOD
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Sunday, February 8, 2009

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**
The chairperson, Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard, called the meeting to order at 12.50 p.m on Sunday, February 8, 2009. An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures, which indicated that there were forty-four (44) voting members present.
- 2. OPENING PRAYER**
Rev. Kirkegaard opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 3. APPOINTMENT OF VESTRY CLERK**
Rev. Kirkegaard appointed Isobel Wilton as Vestry Clerk.
- 4. MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2008**
On page 2 of the Vestry Report, Under **ELECTIONS FOR 2008** the word *acclimation*, should read “acclamation”. Also, under **FINANCIAL REPORT**, the word *acclimation* should read “acclamation”. Under **FINANCIAL REPORT**, line 1, the word *Diocese* should be changed to “Ontario Government”. On page 3, Item 9, “*PRESENTAION OF THE 2007 BUDGET*” should be changed to “**PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**”.
Moved by Peter Price and seconded by Shirley Knautz that the amended minutes be accepted. **CARRIED**
- 5. INCUMBENT’S REPORT**
The Rector’s report is outlined in his sermon for February 8, 2009, copy attached.
- 6. WARDEN’S REPORT**
The Financial Statements for the year 2008 are found on pages 22-25 of the Vestry Report.
Moved by Pat Kirschner and seconded by Sharon Trivers that the Financial Statements for 2008 be accepted. **CARRIED**
Peter Harris read the Auditor’s Report (copy attached) for 2008. Peter also thanked David and Janet Tangness for putting the financial statements together.
- 7. PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 BUDGET**
Peter Mathews presented a “Narrative Budget” using a slide presentation for the various Ministries at Holy Trinity, Guildwood. Details are set out below:
KEY TACTICS

 - Communicate our new initiatives
 - Celebrate our successes within our community
 - Leverage social by inviting our friends to try us out
 - NCD – identify our weaknesses
 - Continue and build our following within Education and Nurture

INVESTING IN HOLY TRINITY

- Communications – 7.6%
- Worship – 29.6%
- Music – 17.3%
- Christian Education – 9.8%
- Pastoral Care – 12.1%
- Outreach – 13.9%
- Social – 9.8%

WORSHIP

- 29.6% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Why we come to Church and where we discover and extend our own ministries
- An area where we must learn to extend the opportunity to others

MUSIC

- 17.3% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Currently served by our organist and a small but dedicated choir
- An area that will suffer over the longer term without the addition of new parishioners – alternately, an area with a low threshold – should be easy for new parishioners to connect with

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 9.8% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Has enjoyed repeated successes in 2008, and has succeeded in attracting people and clergy from neighbouring parishes
- Can and must be a differentiator for Holy Trinity
- May include both Anglican and ecumenical subjects to satisfy a broad audience

PASTORAL CARE

- 12.1% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Bi-weekly coffee drop-in, home and hospital visitation
- Information leadership, CPR and other training through Parish Nursing
- Lay Anointers
- Well kept secret and a great ecumenical opportunity within the local community

OUTREACH

- 13.9% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Sponsorship Committee, Bridge Ministry, Out of the Cold, Food Bank, Motel Ministry
- An opportunity for “leadership by example” within the local community and Anglican Deanery as we publicize our initiatives and our successes

SOCIAL

- 9.8% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- A means of coming together as a parish – attendance to our events grew by 20% over one year
- “Would you like to come to Church?” An excellent opportunity to invite friends to “try us out”

COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.6% of every dollar invested in Holy Trinity
- Christmas and Easter mailings, Mustard Seed, publicity
- An essential and underfunded ministry

- We have an urgent need to publicize many best kept secrets within the local and wider community

SUMMARY

- A strategic investment in ministries for 2009
- Our investment is not only \$ but ourselves as well
- We are looking for a return on our investment from each ministry
- A recipe for re-building our Parish

Moved by Karen Price and seconded by Wolf Kirschner that the budget for 2009 be accepted. **CARRIED**

**8. APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS FOR 2008
INCUMBENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

Rector's Warden	Peter Mathews
Altar Guild	Alberta Mathews & Esther Tilley
Readers Guild	Cathy Mathews

ELECTIONS

Peoples' Warden	Linda Epping
Sidespersons' Chairperson	Barrie Morgan
Lay Delegate to Synod	Ellen Anderson
Alternate	Robbie Rhodes
Envelope Secretary	David Calvin/Beverley Rhodes
Auditor	Peter Harris

Moved by Rachael Boles and seconded by Vivien Harris that the nominations be closed. **CARRIED**

As there were no further nominations, the above persons were deemed elected by acclamation.

CONTINUING MANAGEMENT TEAM APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009

Communications	Patricia Eastman
Education and Nurture	Pat Murray
NCD	Pat Murray
Sponsorship	Sharon Trivers/Glenis Emmett
Mustard Seed	Una Mawson
Welcome Ministry	Una Mawson
Faithworks	Sharon Trivers, Peter Harris

WARDENS' APPOINTMENTS

Treasurers David & Janet Tangness
David and Janet were thanked for their continued service as Accountant and Bookkeeper.

THANK YOU

Lay Assistants: Peter Mathews, Tim Wiebe, Linda Epping, Robbie Rhodes, Peter Harris.
Altar Guild, Communion Ministers, Readers & Choir
Lay Anointers and Parish Nurses: Vivien Harris, Luciene Bailey, Pat Every, Barbara Walker

Greeters and Sidespeople

Coffee: Beverley MacPhee

Lay Pastoral Visitors

Education: Mary Beth Moffatt-Sinclair, Hank Rogers, Pat Murray, Barbara Walker

Minutes: Isobel Wilton

Outreach: Sharon Trivers

Birdhouses: Colin MacPhee

Sponsorship Committee

Website: Barrie Morgan

World Day of Prayer: Shirley Knautz

Faithworks: Sharon Trivers, Peter Harris

Peter Mathews thanked Flo Schwerdtner for serving as Peoples' Warden during the past year.

For all those who made Holy Trinity's social events so welcoming and enjoyable.

Flo Schwerdtner thanked Una Mawson and Marie Gilbert for coordinating the Vestry luncheon, and all who helped with the food and preparation.

Vestry Report: Judy Baribeau

Our parish goal is that everyone has a ministry.

9. REPORTS TO VESTRY FROM AREA MANAGERS SPONSORSHIP

- Glenis Emmett reported that Emmanuel and Raphael are now both attending school. Raphael is in Grade 9 at West Hill Collegiate and Emmanuel is enrolled as an adult in an ESL course. The new apartment will be available soon and help is needed to move furniture into the apartment. Emmanuel has some health issues that will be covered by OHIP. He also needs some extensive dental work that Glenis is arranging.
- Sharon Trivers reported that the rest of the family have been issued visas, and hopefully their next appointment will be to return their ration cards, which would mean that their arrival in Toronto would be soon after. Expenses for the month of January amounted to \$1,535.93 which was used for food, TTC tickets, medicines, and first and last month's rent at the new apartment. The Sponsorship Team has been invited to speak at a meeting of the Scarborough Caring Alliance, and they have offered to help us in some way.
- Peter Price asked if there are any plans in place for a fundraising event financial requirements of the family.
- Peter Mathews wondered how much financial support we could expect from other parishes. He will meet with the Bishop to discuss this issue.
- Karen Price reported that Ian McBride said we are legally bound for two years, but morally it might be more.
- Stephen Kirkegaard suggested that people talk to friends, employers, etc. telling of the situation, and perhaps some persons would offer volunteer services or financial support.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Bishop has asked Vestries for support for government action on poverty. The following motion was made:

“The Vestry of Holy Trinity, Guildwood, commends the Government of Ontario for its commitment to a Poverty Reduction Plan for Ontario, and urges that the government’s 2009 budget contain specific anti-poverty measures so that substantial progress is made toward poverty reduction and in alleviating hardship among the poor during 2009.”

Moved by Peter Harris and seconded by Peter Price that Holy Trinity accept this motion.

CARRIED

Karen Price spoke of the Special Vestry at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, held in 2004 at which 92% present affirmed Holy Trinity’s support of same-sex blessings. The following motion was presented:

“In response to the Bishop’s proposal of January 29, 2009, the Parish of Holy Trinity, Guildwood, reaffirms its support first given in 2004 for the Church’s blessing of same-sex unions, and asks that this support again be communicated to the Bishops.”

Moved by Karen Price and seconded by Don Sinclair that this motion be accepted.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Peter Price and seconded by Peter Mathews that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED