

**Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry Minutes (Amended/final)
May 10, 2016**

Present: Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector; Senior Warden, Inez Lambert; Junior Warden, Yvonne O'Neal; Alexandra Barker, Nancy Fessenden, Leona Fredericks, Jean Geater, Marlin Mattson, Fabio Mejia, Christine du Toit, Susan Valdés-Dapena, clerk; Ex Officio: Gus Christensen, treasurer

Absent excused: Liz Poole, Dawn Persaud, Dave Liston

Rector's report:

- Funeral for Thomas Kean, brother of the former governor of New Jersey.
- Taking time for himself for various retreats. He's attending one next week that works on relationships that are broken in our family. Edwin Friedman, Rabbi, *Friedman's Fables*, works on this.
- Link we approved w St. Stephen's and St. John's is established.
- Will have a seminarian next year. Sept. (MC, children's ministry, Trinity network).
- Friends of Music party here on Sat. Cleve will become Director of Music.

Buildings and grounds update:

- John wants to expand B&G committee and have it meet regularly.
 - Elevator in St. Christopher House inspected and passed.
 - Fine from city on lapsed certificate of occupancy for Draesel Hall.
 - Still waiting on work for basement of St. Christopher's House—patching, etc.
 - Apartment in St. Christopher's House Hall now rentable.
 - Still waiting on Con Ed's approval of hook-up of new boiler.
- Advantage Testing did buy building next door. Putting together a package of preservation for rectory. Water comes in where there is copper and joints and that's where it needs repair. Roof is in great shape, but gutters, pointing and joints need repair. Trying to keep it under a million because that's covered under the terms of our agreement. Using our consultants through Franny Eberhart. Need to get it through Historical Preservation Committee, and Community Board 8.

Warden's report:

Inez: two new volunteers for Sat. supper

- Met w insurance rep. to sign paperwork

Yvonne:

- Diocesan meeting at St. Bart's on strategic planning—Marlin and Victoria attended. There's an audio of this on diocesan website that she feels we should listen to. Yvonne attended an abbreviated version of this at the Warden's Conference at Christ Church, Bronxville. Three task forces. Number 3 is budget, better assessment formula. Revelation of various pots of money in the diocese and discussion of Global Women's Fund. Keynote address from Mary Glasspool. Urges us to think about the diocese, as well as parish.

- Diocesan convention coming up: it will be the first weekend in Nov.—4th and 5th. H.T. will have two delegates and two alternates. Urges us to consider being involved. Would like to see some younger people involved. Yvonne is running to be full delegate at the convention. Question of whether reps. need to pay for themselves. Diocesan warden's conference.

Triangle Theatre report: Inez treasurer. Alexandra on board now. Jean Geater now president of Triangle board. Operate at slight profit so can contribute to the church.

May Fair: Future of May Fair? Do we discuss it as vestry or host a conversation at parish? Is it worth the trouble to shut down the street, get the permits and get the vendors? John feels it has more outreach than fundraising value. Inez offers to chair Mayfair committee. Susan and Alexandra volunteered to be on it.

Gay Pride parade. St. Luke in the Fields evensong afterward. We should design new banner. Fabio, Marlin, Leo ad hoc Pride Parade committee to work on banner.

Mini-retreat in the summer to start work? Susan suggested a mini-retreat to begin work in committees and people liked the idea. Problem will be choosing a date with enough people here. We're going to float dates on mini-retreat via email.

Success of whiskey tasting fundraiser: HTNC wine-tasting and cabaret. And movie.

Church's investments: General fund. Property preservation trust. Distribution committee—rector, Inez (warden), former warden (Franny Eberhart nominated and voted on). Bea's term up. Investment committee mtg. is quarterly.

Yvonne offered to do June reflection.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Valdés-Dapena, clerk