

St. James' Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2008

Bob Honeychurch called the meeting to order, and Barbara Dabney led the opening prayer.

Rector's report – Bob Honeychurch

- | The rector's report is primarily the written report. The items mentioned at the meeting are mostly housekeeping items.
- | Bob requested that the parishioners print their name clearly on one of the three clipboards for the roster of attendees.
- | Margaret Rainey requested people sign up for flowers to be given and/or for coffee hour.
- | Barbara Dabney reiterated regarding the coffee hour sign-ups and thanked all those who have contributed to coffee hour.

Associate Rector's report – Sylvia Sweeney

- | Sylvia stated that faith formation is absolutely critical to spiritual development, yet when she has attended local and national gatherings many talk of how difficult it is to get people to commit to faith formation.
- | St. James' has wonderful disciple builder activities, and Sylvia wished to thank the those people who have made faith formation an important part of this community, especially the Disciple Builders led by John Maloney.
- | Sylvia also thanked the people who work with Godly Play, the half dozen or so people who give heart and soul to our children.
- | Work is still needed, however, on faith formation for our children.

Senior Warden's report – Barbara Dabney

- | There seemed to be some divisiveness present last year but this year God has answered our prayers, with a lot of work and many people. Barbara thanked everyone for all of their work.
- | Barbara also expressed a special thanks for electing her to the vestry and to Bob Honeychurch for choosing her to be senior warden.

Nominations for vestry and vestry election

- | The four candidates nominated for vestry are Scott Kennedy, Linda O'Connell, Charles Paratore and Penny Trant. Linda and Scott are unable to attend the meeting, as Linda is ill and Scott has a prior commitment.
- | Motion was made that the nominations be closed and that Scott Kennedy, Linda O'Connell, Charles Paratore and Penny Trant be elected to the vestry. Moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations for Deanery/Diocesan convention delegates

- | Five people attend the diocesan convention and serve as deanery reps as well.
- | Outgoing vestry members serve as the ballot counters, and will count the ballots after the meeting.
- | Info on the election winners will be announced after the meeting.

Reception of written reports

- | Thanks to all who submitted written reports
- | If you have any questions, or something in the report interests you, contact the person who wrote that report.
- | Motion was made to receive the written reports as presented. Moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Endowment Board presentation – Jan Pearson

- | Endowment fund is \$57,384, and endowment received \$19,500 in donations in 2007.
- | Gifts were given in memory of Kay Buckley, Bob Poole, Pam Rice, Jean Ng, Jim Yokom, Ellsworth Finlay, Tom Clark and Robert Hart. Gifts ere also given in honor of birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and as thanksgivings.
- | A new designated endowment was started January 1, 2008 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Little Church. \$16,000 in donations was received.
- | Two events are planned for 2008.
 - | March 30 – an “Affairs Faire” on medical savvy. Speakers will address issues such as medical directives, pharmacology, how to communicate with your doctors, and exercise.
 - | April 27 – gathering of Shell Society members with Bishop Marc Andres.
- | Endowment disbursements
 - | \$498.78 to the Memorial Garden committee
 - | \$1065.28 to the vestry to be used as stipulated by the by-laws.
- | Those who serve on the endowment board are appointed by the vestry to serve revolving terms.

2008 budget presentation – Jan Brandt

- | Thank you to all those who paid extra to the sewer fund (\$3375 total) in addition to what we have been regularly paying. Money that was being used to pay mortgage loans is now being used to pay down the sewer loan.
- | Began the year with approximately a \$38,000 deficit but ended up with a \$8922.20 surplus.
- | St. James' received many in-kind donations
- | The Building 2007 final is as of 12/31/07.
- | Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual shows the \$8922 surplus.
- | Loosmore stained glass window monies really belong in special interest funds rather than building fund, and will be moved to special interest.
- | There was a request by the auditor to simplify the special interest accounts. The consolidated list is available on the website.
- | For the 2008 budget, income includes:
 - | pledges
 - | unpledged income (donations that can be traced but no pledge card has been signed)
 - | fundraising (money transferred from special interest after the end of an event)
 - | use of church (groups that use our church regularly)
- | We have exact numbers for the diocesan assessment, salaries, and clergy benefits. Other numbers are based on figures from 2007.
- | Capital items (building related) are not assessable.

- | Auditors would like us to redo how the balance sheet is done.
- | It was suggested to somehow publicize information regarding income from e-scrip, cartridges, etc.
- | Thank you to Jan Brandt for being treasurer and to the people who do the money counting.
- | Mortgage “burning”
 - | Jan had a copy (the original must be kept) of the notification from the Episcopal Building Fund that we have paid off the \$200,000 mortgage and line of credit.
 - | The copy was burned in honor of the mortgage finally being paid off.

Thank yous from Bob Honeychurch to:

- | Jan Brandt for making the financial reports understandable
- | Retiring vestry members – E.J. Hilliard, Meg Williams, Ralph Locher and Barbara Dabney
- | Linda LeGere – new church secretary
- | Katherine LaRose – new music director
- | Bud and Pat Spalding – who have maintained the children's worship/play bags for four years, and are now retiring from this duty

Thank yous from Ralph Locher to:

- | Brad Hoffman, the right hand man for facilities and coffee hour
- | Chris Perry, for heading up the work parties

This concludes the annual meeting.

Sylvia Ma, the incoming senior warden, led the closing prayer.

After the meeting, the diocesan convention/deanery delegates were announced. They are: Bob Bell, Jan Brandt, Marnie Hartmann, Alice Johnson, and Ralph Locher. Those elected as alternates are Brad Hoffman and Elaine Vallecillo-Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hart
Clerk of the Vestry