

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

December 2, 2007

9:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting began in the nave with Holy Eucharist: Rite II. Fr. Robert Salamone's sermon was his annual report which included the events of the year and his recommendations for the future.

After the sermon, the congregation moved to the Common Room where a continental breakfast was served.

Fr. Robert called the meeting to order at 10:15.

The 2006 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

Lee Albright and Clairelis Baxter were nominated and elected secretaries of the meeting.

The following were nominated and elected as tellers of the meeting: John Albright (head teller), Hank Seward, Tom Odom, Horace Newcomb and Penny McLanahan.

Duncan Krause, Welcome Committee chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and urged all those attending to welcome each other. He asked that all parishioners be part of the welcoming ministry of the parish. He urged everyone to "keep hospitality on everyone's radar."

Senior Warden Robin Bewley presented the slate of nominees for the vestry. She said there can be no write-ins, and thanked all those who agreed to run:

Matthew Hicks, Nancy McDuff, Terri Tillman, Vince Howard, Frances Doherty, Matt Humphrey, Paul Anderson, Ann Brightwell, Patrick Cline, & Lisa Yarn.

Fr. Robert announced the criteria for voting; the tellers distributed ballots.

Senior Warden Report and Update on Recent Vestry Initiatives

Robin Bewley supplemented her annual report (see 2007 Annual Report) with a verbal report.

- She recognized the vestry and Fr. Robert.
- During the year, the "lines of differences in the parish have been blurred."
- The by-laws have been revised.
- Term limits of committees and other services have been established.
- There are now stronger bonds with the diocese and the national church.
- The stewardship process and the true meaning of stewardship have been reworked and clarified.

- Planned giving has been established.
- The parish has sold the Cobb House.
- The parish debt has been retired.
- “The Vestry---at Your Service”: review of vestry accomplishments is in the monthly *Tower*.
- Maintenance of the properties has been improved.
- A prayer chain has been started and is disbursed via e-mail.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been established.
- The Rev. Nancy Malloy is new full-time Rector’s Associate for Faith Formation.
- David Wagner is the new full-time youth director.
- The Catechesis program, complete with the refurbished atrium, has been started for preschool children.

Fr. Robert opened the floor to questions.

Gillian Ball asked Rev. Nancy: “Will there be a program for older children that will be comparable to the Catechesis program?”

Answer: “We are looking for a program for children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades which will bridge the Catechesis program to the older children’s program.”

Treasurer’s Report

Amrey Harden reported that the finances of the parish are in good shape. He recognized Butch Bush and Bob Wood for their work on the getting the finances during the “more difficult times.”

There was a surplus in 2006.

He distributed the financial report which went through October 2007.

Pledges are on track. So far \$660,000 has been pledged, but not all pledges are in. It will take \$725,000.00 for a balanced budget.

The vestry has approved a preliminary budget

The final budget will be approved.

James Jordan will be the auditor for the parish. He is the auditor for the diocese; in addition, auditing parishes is part of his Episcopal ministry.

Fr. Robert reviewed the pledges and said that if the remaining parishioners renewed their previous year’s pledges, there would be a surplus for next year.

Gillian Ball, on behalf of parishioners, asked Fr. Robert to explain the rector’s housing allowance. Fr. Robert explained that some parishes (including Emmanuel) opt give their rectors an allowance for housing rather than provide a residence.

Jane Payne asked that the Thrift House’s rent of \$1000.00 per month be lowered to \$500.00 per month. Fr. Robert said that the vestry had already decided to do that.

Vince Howard asked on behalf of Jamaica Miller: How will new committee assignments be made?

Answer: They will be posted via e-mail or on bulletin boards.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members:

Robin Bewley recognized the outgoing vestry members for their service: Amrey Harden, Penny McLanahan, Tom Odom, & Wren Howard. Father Robert recognized outgoing senior warden, Robin Bewley, for her two years of service to the parish. He presented each outgoing vestry member with a Book of Common Prayer.

Presentation of New Vestry Class: Ann Brightwell, Nancy McDuff, Vince Howard, Lisa Yarn, Matthew Hicks

Naomi Norman will be the new Senior Warden.

The meeting closed with a reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

The congregation adjourned to the nave for the remainder of the Eucharist.

Submitted by Clairelis Baxter and Lee Albright

December 29, 2007

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