

Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday January 28, 2007

- I. Call to Order;** Father Pat
 A. Opening Prayer - Fr. Pat

II. Nominations Committee:

- A Bill Lubenow Sr. Warden Report

Nominations Committee: Presentation of Vestry Candidates:

Senior Warden Jason Miller

Junior Warden Beth Beatty

Vestry: Jessie Orlando (2) Irene Powers (3) Ted Karnes (3) Chris Strasser (3) Chris Reenock (3)

Vestry Nominations Vote to Parish:

Vestry Nominations Vote Result: New Vestry Accepted by unanimous Parish Vote.
 Abstentions None.

Presentation of Convention Delegates;

1. Jim Diaz;
2. Mike Guerriero;
3. Bill Lubenow,
4. Irene Powers,
5. Bobbie Schmidt,
6. Al Schmidt.

- A. Appointment of the Judge of Elections and Tellers
- B. Statement of the Canonical Qualifications of Voters
- C. Report of the Nominations Committee – William Lubenow, Sr. Warden
- D. Distribution of Ballads for Voting

III. Reports:

- A. **Treasurers Report:** Jason Miller, Junior Warden presenter:
- i. Enough income to allow us to not utilize savings to run the church.
 - ii. Raised our Diocesan pledge from 12K to 45K in three years.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report: 1st Jim Diaz - 2nd John Funston.

Treasurers Vote Result: Accepted by unanimous Parish Vote

Budget Review: Noted changes

Pledging units budgeted 346K

Transfers 45K – Part of the Transfer funds will be the money to support the new Associate Rector.

IV. Recognition of Grace Staff:

Father Pat made special recognition to all that works with the clergy and the Parish. Special mention was made for the following group of staff members:

- A. Office Staff: Sue Getz and Kate Myers Recognition for all that they do to support the clergy and the Parish
- B. Music: Bill Lowden Recognition for his contributions.
- C. Clergy: Fr Ray, Fr Nat, Deacon Colleen offered thanks for all that they do to support the church.
- D. Michael Leedy, Sexton with recognition for his work
- E. Education: Thanks to Gretchen Poliero who was absent from the meeting because she was taking attending to the children upstairs.

IV. Committee Recognition: Fr. Pat gave special thanks and appreciation to the committee members that support our growth at Grace and commitment to help achieve the goals of the five year plan. Each committee member was asked to stand up and identify themselves to the annual meeting attendees: Fr. Pat made special comment for all that we do at Grace Church from Mt. Pisgah being one of the larger church contributors to support their rebuild to all the outreach particularly our activities in Camden with Kids Alley, St. Pauls, St Andrews, IHOC etc.

Outreach:

- A. St Paul's: Stan Sikorski: Made a plea to include cash donations. Cans and donations are good. Solicitation of \$\$\$ will help because of some of the cost benefit of group buying. Fr. Pat urged for both financial and material gifts for St. Paul's.
- B. Compassionate Cooks - Call for volunteers.
- C. St. Ann's Guild – Vendor Fair call for vendors. Jessie Orlando Vestry member provided the congregation with the following poem:

*St Annes's is always here
As part of Grace Church's scene
From Rummage Sale to Rummage Sale and
all else that's in between
It's outreaching obligations are all met
and more fulfilled
And show that St. Anne's is really...
Grace's Guild on which to build...*

Jessie Orlando

Worship:

- A. Call for men and women and volunteers to support alter guild and worship related activities.

Music: Bill Lowden

- A. Enthusiastic direction positive more new faces and always looking for more.

Parish Life:

- A. Oktoberfest: Thanks for all that helped in that effort. Group that participated got recognition.

Property Committee, Education:

- A. No additional comments

Stewardship –

- A. Call to continue with pledges. Thanks for the support of the dinners.

V. Report on the State of the Parish:

A. Senior Warden comments: Bill Lubenow

The Five Year Plan, Bill Lubenow

5 yr. Plan: The 5 yr plan is the parish's outline to move forward. We have made good progress with the plan but there is still more to do to achieve our goals and grow.

Worship Space: Open and more welcoming environment. Architecture more responsive to our mission and vision and goals by creating space..

We are actively looking for an Assoc. Rector. Bill suggested to the Parish to review outline in the newsletter authored by Beth Beatty.

B. Junior Warden comments Jason Miller:

Moving toward continuing to grow and adopt the five year plan. Still considerable more to do! Oktoberfest went well, and new people got involved. We are always looking for new members and continued adoption of the tenants of the plan. Special recognition was given to Bill Lubenow for his work as Senior Warden.

C. Mt. Pisgah: Rectors Comments:

Title search, problems caused slowing of the construction. They were under insured they are 70K on the way to 250K that is needed. There are some town activities planned, to help them get what they need to move into their facility by November. Outreach for the rebuild has been positively received.

VI. Report on Elections:

Parish Ballad Results Convention Delegates.

1. New Convention Delegates:

- a. Irene Powers
- b. Al Schmidt
- c. Mike Guerriero

2. Convention Alternates:

- a. Jim Diaz
- b. Bobbie Schmidt
- c. Bill Lubenow

Closing Warden Comments; Jason Miller
Recognition of Bill Lubenow, current Sr Warden.

Open Forum: Comments / Questions / Parish

Betty Phillips referenced the 20/20 show depicting Camden and the bad conditions miles from our Parish. Betty made a call to the Parish to help the children of Camden and the deplorable conditions they are currently experiencing and try to do more for them.

St Paul's: Meets Tuesday; Large vehicle's needed - Call for Drivers - Food bank taken to St Paul's on a Tuesday.

Challenges: Mark Heston would like to have a 165th celebration. Sited the Vestry celebration 1892 April 115th birthday. 165 years ago this Parish was founded. When we had the 150th. Mark Heston was given the action to look at the potential of doing a 165th celebration. Suggested timeframe was on the feast of St Michaels' in September.

A new pictorial directory was suggested for the parish to identify new members etc.

VII. Closing Prayer: Fr Pat and Congregation.**Meeting Adjourn:**

**Respectively submitted,
Phil McAuley.**