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| <p style="text-align: center;">❖ Grace Episcopal Church ❖ 2008 Annual Meeting ❖ Sunday, January 27, 2008</p> |
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❖ **Call to Order** – Father Pat called the meeting to order at 10:51 am

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Father Pat

➤ **Exercise – The Beloved Community**

- Father Pat talked about the need to create conversation about the church. As an exercise in conversation, the Parishioners present were charged to reflect upon the phrase “**This is my son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased**” (*Matthew 3*)
- This was followed up by the following questions -
 - What is it like to hear God say to you “You are my beloved”?
 - How would the world be different if we all knew we are beloved?
 - How have you experienced love this week?
 - Who has loved you?
 - Who have you loved?
 - Who do you know who needs to hear the message?
- ◆ Father Pat then challenged the Parish to reach out to others in the beloved Community

❖ **Nominations**

➤ Appointment of the Judge of Elections and Tellers

- Bill Burkhart
- Natalie Reenock
- Jim Diaz

➤ Statement of the Canonical Qualifications of Voters

➤ Report of the Nominations Committee – Jason Miller, Sr. Warden

- **Wardens**
 - **Beth Beatty, Fred Shindle**
- **Vestry**
 - **Marianne Buzby**
 - **Ed Rivera**
 - **Joyce McAuley**
 - **Barbara Linn**
- **Delegates to Convention**

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- **Beth Beatty ***
- **Jason Miller**
- **Michael Guerriero ***
- **Bill Lubenow**
- **Fred Shindle ***
- **Al Schmidt**
- - voted as delegates by the Parish, the others will serve as alternates

➤ ***Convocation Representatives*** – those interested should see the Clergy or Wardens

❖ **Reports**

➤ **Roll of Saints for 2007 – (see handout)**

➤ **The Treasurer's Report** – Jim Perrin

- Charge to the parish
 - 2003 - \$80,000 deficit
 - 2004 - \$40,000 deficit
 - 2006 – no deficit
 - 2007 – only \$23K of \$65K for assistant rector
 - ◆ Need \$65K extra in operating expenses to cover the cost of the assistant rector
 - ◆ Parish is currently tithing to the Diocese
- Special Thanks to Jim Perrin for his help the last five years
- Jason Miller will be the new Treasurer for the Parish

➤ **Presentation of the 2008 Budget** – Jason Miller

- Avg. pledge is \$1800
- More members for the parish are needed to meet the operating needs of the congregation in the future
- Fundraisers – both the golf outing and Oktoberfest were successful this past year

➤ **Planned Giving** – Chris Reenock

- St. Michael's Society will be started for those who designate Grace Church as a beneficiary of their estate

➤ **Oktoberfest** – Jason Miller

- Beth Beatty, Michael Guerriero, and Jason Miller will co-chair this event

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- **Golf Committee** – Marty Rosica
 - 70% of golfers last year were brought by members of the Golf Committee
 - this year's charge to get to 140 golfers
 - parish members need not be golfers in order to help this event
 - Monday May 5th – Rancocas Valley

- **Recognition of the Church Staff**
 - Sue Getz, Bill Lowden, Father Nat, Kate Myers, Deacon Colleen, Gretchen Poliero, Michael Leedy

- **Recognition of the Retiring Vestry**
 - Jason Miller, Marty Rosica, Brandon Hamilton, Marianne Gambardello

❖ **Additional Comments to the Written Report**

- Father Pat - What a pleasure to have Mother Debbie with us this year – she has been a great help in assuming some of the responsibilities of the daily activities of the Parish

- Deacon Colleen – report does not say enough about how the power of prayer of this Parish has helped her this past year.

- Outreach - need more help for St. Paul's on Sunday's (first Sunday every other month – Feb 2nd next)

- Compassionate Cooks - asking for others to help in this group

- St. Paul's – now only giving out 110 bags per week since Food Bank Supplies have been less than normal - was 130 bags
 - Can do more with Cash as can they can get more supplies for the money they spend
 - There are now two freezers at St. Paul's – they are looking for more chickens

- From Jessie Orlando –
"This is a Thank-you note to all the women. the ECW, for their part in making St. Anne's Guild work.

All our outreach responsibilities have been reached.

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In fact, a healthy amount was given for the St. Paul's Food Bank – a real “dough-kneaded” operation.

*So this year has been fulfilling and just great,
Now we just have to take care of a happy 2008.”*

- Barbara Linn – Karen Orlando new addition to Altar Guild – need more members
- Readers and LEM's are needed for 11:15 am Service
- ❖ **Report of the State of the Parish**
 - **Five Year Plan**
 - Task Force to review the 5 year Plan and see what needs to be adjusted and what has been accomplished
 - Charge to all members is to bring one new member per family
 - **Mt. Pisgah**
 - Under construction – foundation being built
 - June 21st slated for completion
- ❖ **Other Business**
 - Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members and Sr. Warden – Beth Beatty
 - Reminder from Stan Sikorski about the Tavola Dei Amice Restaurant
 - Coupon will donate 10% to the church – they will do another coupon this year
 - Motion to Adjourn – Stan Sikorski, seconded by Glenn Raiczuk and approved
- ❖ The Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm, Closing Prayer offered by Mother Debbie