

Good Shepherd 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Rev. Celia Ellery called the meeting to order at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Twenty five parishioners were in attendance and, therefore, it was recognized that we had more than ten percent of our forty-four certified voters present, which constituted a quorum.

Rev. Celia continued with the annual meeting by asking that everyone review last year's Annual Meeting minutes. Don Griffis asked that we accept the minutes as written. Mike Ryan seconded Don's motion and the entire congregation was in favor.

The Necrology Report was given and prayers were lifted for Bessie Margaret Herron who passed away January 30, 2007.

Rev. Celia asked for our outgoing vestry members, Julie Wilkerson and Don Griffis, to come to the front of the church to be recognized for their outstanding service to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Both were given small parting gifts and certificates for their service.

Rev. Celia then asked that the new vestry nominees stand and give a little information about themselves. Candidates named were Judith Lester, Chris Lupton and Pilar McKeel. It was explained that two vestry and one alternate position were available. Ballots were given to all qualified voters and they were asked to select two candidates. Don Griffis and Julie Wilkerson tallied the votes and the results were Chris Lupton in first position, Pilar McKeel in second position and Judith Lester as alternate. Since the votes were not over half of the majority for any one person, Rev. Celia asked for a motion to accept the votes by plurality. Fran Gregg made a motion to accept the votes by plurality, and Prissy Griffis seconded that motion. The entire congregation was in favor of the motion. Rev. Celia thanked the new vestry members and alternate for serving the church.

Rev. Celia then stated that Fran Gregg was our elected delegate and would continue to serve out her term for the next two years. It was explained that we needed an alternate for the delegate position and would anyone like to volunteer. Thomas McKeel graciously offered to serve in the event that Fran could not. Dave Kerry made a motion that we accept Tom McKeel as alternate; Ann Mears seconded that motion, and all members agreed.

The meeting continued with Rev. Celia recapping the year in review, Don Griffis spoke of his Sr. Warden duties and experiences, and Candi Wolfe summarized the treasurer's report. A brief update was given by Don regarding the lawsuit over the church property. Candi commented that the 2007 budget was tight, but the church had survived. She stated that the 2008 budget would also be very close, but outside donations would help the situation.

Rev. Celia, Don Griffis, and Fran Gregg all took turns speaking about the church's future and that it was important to include our Lutheran friends in our new vision. Comments were made about new programs to help the church grow and prepare for the move back into the Episcopal Church building if the lawsuit is decided in our favor. Jill Ryan then asked that we recognize Charlene Bustos, Choirmaster, for bringing the blended Episcopal/Lutheran Choir together. The congregation agreed and applauded her efforts in the past year.

Rev. Celia asked for any other comments and asked for a motion to accept all the committee reports. David Kerry made a motion to accept the annual report as given. Charlene Bustos seconded that motion and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi Wolfe

Parish Secretary and Clerk of the Meeting