

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Meeting was called to order by the Rev. Celia Ellery at 12:40 p.m.; a quorum of certified voters was declared. Rev. Celia asked that the meeting begin with prayer.

Everyone was asked to review last year's annual meeting minutes. Tom Gregg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Dave Kerry seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Rev. Celia named Margaret Love Kauhl who passed away May 31, 2009. A moment of silence and prayer was devoted to her memory.

The continuing vestry consisting of Pilar McKeel, Judith Lester and Chris Lupton were asked to stand for recognition of service in 2009. Outgoing members Tom Gregg, Mike Ryan, Ann Bullion-Mears, and Hope Garza were also asked to stand, and given special recognition for their term of service to Good Shepherd. Rev. Celia stated that the dedication and knowledge of Good Shepherd's vestry has been a blessing and has made her job as Priest much easier.

Rev. Celia asked all members to review the list of candidates for vestry which were Brad Dannhiem, Fran Gregg, Don Griffis, Sherry Halfmann, Kay Holland and Jill Ryan. All candidates introduced themselves to the congregation. Rev. Celia asked if the congregation agreed for voting by plurality. Dave Kerry made a motion to vote by plurality; Prissy Griffis seconded the motion and all members agreed. Members were asked to vote for four of the six candidates and ballots were passed out and then collected when completed.

While the votes were counted, Chris Lupton and Candi Wolfe gave the treasurer's report. Chris stated that with God's grace, Good Shepherd had done well for 2009. He stated that even though we were short of our projected pledges, we were under budget on our expenses and therefore we still carried approximately \$3,000 into the New Year. Candi explained that the 2010 budget looked large; however we had to plan for more expenses in the new building. Emmanuel Episcopal has been kind enough to let us use their copier, paper and ink for the last three years. Obviously when we move back to our building we will have more utilities, maintenance, janitorial and office expenses. Our prayer is that we will gain the shortage in money in membership and help from the trust account in our Diocese. We don't know how much the Diocese will be able to help but they have said they will. They have also accepted our lowered apportionment until we gain back our membership. We anticipate some people to join us at our old location because they want to stay with the building no matter what; some will return as they have been waiting for us to gain the property back before returning, and we want to work hard to invite new families to visit us and see what our church family has to offer. Candi stated we had over \$25,000 in our church checking account that we had received in outside donations in 2008. Chris and Candi stated that with the congregation's determination and God's help we would be able to meet the 2010 budget. Chase Holland made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given; Kay Holland seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Rev. Celia gave her Priest's report and stated she was most appreciative of being called by Good Shepherd to be the Rector. She stated that she has had many blessings in 2008 and one was the consecration of our new Bishop, Scott Mayer. Rev. Celia said Bishop Mayer has been in contact with her frequently to see how she and the church are doing. He is very committed to helping us. Rev. Celia said the other blessing was our dear Lutheran friends. We will always be grateful to them for taking us in and sharing worship services with us. She said this experience should and will be in our Episcopal history book. She said even though we were going to another location, we would still try to have activities and special events with our dear friends. Rev. Celia then gave her Priest's Discretionary Report. She explained that we may

be small in numbers but we are big on giving to others. She explained that when people donated to the Rector's Discretionary account she is able to help needy people with gas, food, utilities etc. She has also given to Project Dignidad and seminarians when they are low on funds and need help. She thanked the congregation for being so gracious to those who are less fortunate.

Rev. Celia gave the voting results for vestry which were Brad Dannhiem, Don Griffis, Sherry Halfmann and Kay Holland. She thanked all the nominees for putting their names forward. Rev. Celia asked for nominations from the floor for Delegate to Diocesan Convention. She explained that we needed a delegate and alternate, as Fran Gregg had served for the last three years. Rev. Celia thanked Fran for her faithful service to the church. Chris Lupton made a motion to nominate Jill Ryan; Robert Garza made a motion to nominate Hope Garza. Chase Holland made a motion for the nominations to cease. Jill and Hope left the room while voting occurred. Rev. Celia asked for a show of hands for Jill Ryan to be Diocesan Delegate and a count was taken. Rev. Celia asked for a show of hands for Hope Garza to be Diocesan Delegate. The vote was for Jill Ryan to be the Diocesan Delegate and Hope Garza to be the Alternate Diocesan Delegate.

Tom Gregg gave his Senior Warden report. He stated that he was honored to serve on the vestry for the last three years and felt the vestry had accomplished many things. Most important he felt was calling Rev. Celia to be our Rector. Tom said the litigation would still be ongoing as the Anglicans had filed for an appeal and asked for a bond. He thought Judge Cherry would have a hearing regarding the bond in the next few weeks, but the appeal could go on for years. He said the Judicial System was slow, but we needed to focus on continuing with church and new membership. Tom said he had been thinking of the friendships and close bonds we have made with the Lutherans over the last few years. He said they had formed a wonderful Sunday school group and he really enjoyed his Lutheran friends. He commented on the processional cross he had made to signify both of our churches. He carved the Lutheran Rose and the Episcopal Shield on the front of the cross signifying we will always be bound together in some way.

Mike Ryan gave his Junior Warden report. He stated he had enjoyed being on the vestry and also felt we had accomplished much, especially with the Christ Lutheran building. He was proud that we were a part of updating the outside painting, building a playground and remodeling the office. He thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed thanks to the Lutherans for sharing their building and services with us.

Judith Lester gave her report on Outreach. She thanked everyone for giving to St. Mary's Blessing Closet and especially the large stocking that we did at Christmas full of new mittens, hats, underwear, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Judith said that the children who go to the Blessing Closet were so appreciative; it was humbling to see these children who were in need of such basic things. Judith said that the sewing group was still going strong and making placemats for the Meals for the Elderly, quilts for deployed military and children in foster care. She said due to Emmanuel's renovations, the group would be quilting at her shop on Mondays for the next month or so.

Rev. Celia asked if we would like to make a motion to accept the remaining reports by title. Don Griffis made a motion to accept the reports as written; Chase Holland seconded the motion and all agreed.

Ann Bullion-Mears made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sherry Halfmann seconded the motion and all agreed.

Meeting ended at 1:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Candi Wolfe
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