

St. Matthew's Annual Meeting

November 15, 2009

1. The Rev. Michael W. Richardson opened the meeting and introduced the purpose the Annual Meeting.
 - To elect new members to the Vestry
 - To give reports on the status of the church and our ministries
 - To present the Ministry Plan for the upcoming year

2. Rector's Report, by Fr. Michael Richardson
 - Fr. Michael gave thanks to a number of people for their work and ministry:
 - Kandy Halstead – Sr. Warden
 - Whit Greene – Jr. Warden

 - Christine Greene – Parish Secretary
 - Betty Sue Hugo – Organist
 - Emily Kiebel – Choir Director
 - Lucy Lord – Sexton
 - Hazel McColley, Patty Fanning – Thrift Shop

 - Bev Van Zandt – Treasurer
 - Laurie Landry – Clerk
 - Retiring Vestry members – Laurie Gough, Clay Hubbs, Brandon Stewart
 - Vestry class of 2010 – Jerry Grabowski, Laurie Landry, Jennifer Tinsely
 - Vestry class of 2011 – Dr. Kim DeJong, Jo Evans, Chris Hardy

 - Dr. Kim DeJong – Acolytes
 - Barb McNish – Altar Guild
 - Andrea Newlin – Pastoral Care and Fellowship
 - Kandy Halstead & Wendy Kelly – Lay Eucharistic Visitors
 - Jo Ellen Richardson & Joy Williams – Children's Sunday Chapel and Children's Choir
 - Kimberley Hubbs – Children's Sunday School
 - Andrew Ericson, Tom Clark, and Clay Hubbs – Youth Sunday School
 - Bruce Siekierski & Jennifer Tinsley – Fundraising
 - Wendy Kelly & Sarah Siekieski – ECW
 - Whitney Tomlin – Grocery Coupons
 - Celia Kaye and Jo Evans – Hearts and Hands
 - John Gile, Margy Mallot & Sarah Siekierski – Newcomers
 - Patty Fanning and Hazel McColley – Prayers and Squares

Sarah Siekierski and Barb McNish – Sunday Suppers
Steve Smith – Ushers and incredible help with security and statistics
Susie Chapin – blood drive, help with projects for kids and adults, Halloween party,
Relay for Life
Jody Shoemaker, Rob Myers, Stephanie Schneider, Samantha Hynes, Andrew Ericson –
Youth Group
The Rev. Kipper DeGavre – educational consult
Fr. Vern Myers, Rector Emeritus
Bishop O’Neill for support, vision and teaching
Sunday School Teachers and Children’s Chapel volunteers taking care of the kids
(during the meeting).

3. Sr. Warden’s Report, by Dr. Kim DeJong and Clay Hubbs on behalf of Kandy Halstead

Dr. Kim DeJong

- Overview of management of the Ministry Plan, that while cuts had to be made we also avoided deeper cuts
- Acknowledged the accomplishments of the past year, especially the installation of the new wood floor and pipe organ
- Gave thanks for God’s presence in our individual and communal lives
- Reiterated thanks for the 30th Anniversary Celebration organized by Wendy K, Lucy L. and Sarah S.

Clay Hubbs

- Recommended Kandy’s Sr. Warden Report as helpful and informative
- Reiterated thanks and appreciation for the accomplishments of the past year
- Gave thanks to Whit for leadership in the floor and organ installation
- Gave thanks to Hazel for her service and ministry in the Thrift Shop
- Gave thanks to Andrea Newlin for Pastoral Care
- Gave thanks to Laurie for CROP Walk and VBS
- Gave thanks to Susie for Relay for Life
- Gave thanks to Jennifer and Bruce for the Divine Desserts and Wine fundraiser

4. Stewardship Report, by Jerry Grabowski for the Stewardship Committee: Tom Clark, Kandy Halstead & Jerry Grabowski

- Gave thanks for all that we can accomplish together as a collective body
- Expressed the importance tithing, of giving our time, talent and treasure

5. Vestry Elections

- Kandy Halstead for Sr. Warden, nominated by Fr. Michael as Rector
 - Fr. Michael called for a second to the nomination. Bev Van Zandt seconded. Fr. Michael called for a vote to elect Kandy Halstead as Sr. Warden. Passed. Kandy Halstead elected as Sr. Warden.
 - Whit Greene for Jr. Warden, nominated by the Vestry
 - Fr. Michael called for a vote to elect Whit Greene as Jr. Warden. Passed. Whit Greene elected as Jr. Warden.
 - Wendy Kelly, Tom McNish and Samantha Hynes nominated by the nominating committee (Laurie Gough, Clay Hubbs, Brandon Stewart, Kandy Halstead and Fr. Michael)
 - Fr. Michael called for a vote to elect the three nominees to the Vestry. Passed. Wendy Kelly, Tom McNish and Samantha Hynes elected to the Vestry for 3 years through 2012.
6. Jr. Warden's Report, by Whit Greene
- Acknowledged the great accomplishment of the flooring and organ installation
 - Presented a plaque to Charlie Cadwell and Tom Hynes for their work on the floor
 - Big projects for this year will be painting the exterior of the buildings and improving the steps outside the Education Building
 - Gave thanks to Steve Smith for 20 Years of service on the Buildings and Grounds Committee
7. Treasurer's Report, by Bev Van Zandt
- As of October our Net Operating Total is in the negative, but this does not reflect the income from the November fundraiser and also is much better than where we were in October 2008
 - It is not unusual to run below budget at this time of year due to the seasonal nature of income, and we can expect to end the year with a net positive Operating Total.
8. Fr. Michael remarked that the Ministry Plan, presented in the Annual Report, will be addressed further by the Vestry this month.
- Cuts were made in our spending, but the Vestry will still try to uphold some of the original commitments of the 2009 Ministry Plan if our year-end income allows, specifically in our giving to the Diocese.
 - Overall, the Ministry Plan for 2010 is similar to the Plan started with in 2009
 - Changes made to Nursery Care, planning to hire our own nursery care staff rather than continue in the contracted service; benefits are reduced cost, improved flexibility and improved communication with caregivers.
 - Budgeted utility costs lowered to reflect actual spending
9. Christian Education Report, by Clay Hubbs

- Kimberley Hubbs and Dawn Koltiska are coordinating and planning Children's Education
- Plans include developing an educational program that is consistent and unified from preschool through High School age classes.
- Jr. and Sr. High School programs have been modified to meet the needs of our youth; for example, the High School class has been meeting in the coffee shop and discussing issues relevant to their lives, relating this to religion and their relationship with God.
- All input and ideas for education are welcome; just talk to Clay or Kimberely Hubbs

10. Closing Remarks, by Fr. Michael

- Special thanks to the Youth Ministry, Jody Shoemaker and Rob Myers
- Special thanks to the Music Ministry, Betty Sue and Emily
- An invitation is extended to all to join the Choir, which meets Thursday nights to rehearse
- Gave thanks for the meeting and announced the continuation of our worship service.

Documents distributed:

- St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 2009 Annual Report (November 15, 2009)
- Comparative Income Statement YTD Oct 2008 and YTD Oct 2009