

Annual Meeting 11-09-08

Father Michael

1. Father Michael opened up the meeting saying, any St. Matthew's member is welcome to the meeting. The reason we have an annual meeting is because a church is a corporation and is required to have a meeting of this type each year.
2. Melissa Ball, Mike Shoemaker, and Lucy Lord's terms are up and they are leaving the vestry. He thanked them for their work.
3. The vestry, through the Vision Quest process in 2006, created our mission statement, which relates to that of the diocese of Colorado. Our mission statement is God's mission.
4. Father Michael thanked the present vestry members (Laurie Gough, Jerry Grabowski, Clay Hubbs, Laurie Landry, Brandon Stewart, Jennifer Tinsley) and Kandy Halstead (Senior Warden), Whit Greene (Junior Warden), and Bev Van Zandt (Treasurer). He also recognized ministry chairs and thanked them.

Kandy Halstead

1. Kandy talked about convention and quoted Bishop O'Neill: "it is all about mission- not as if our life depends on it, but because our life depends on it... Mission in the fullest and most traditional sense, is participating in God's redemption of a sinful and broken world through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth."
2. She said, St. Matthew's is an example of a pioneering spirit creating something greater than ourselves. There are 46 ministries at our church. We take the gifts we have and put them into the world.
3. The Vestry went to an Empowered Vestry Workshop headed by Lou Blanchard who shared ideas on how to run a parish. In a follow-up brainstorming session, our Vestry came up with easy, practical ideas such as making bags for kids to take into church, as well as continuing work to refine leadership tools.

Susie Chapin

1. Susie talked about Stewardship as meaning giving your time, talent, and treasure. Since we didn't get crabapples this year she decided to give cookbooks at the fall kickoff for stewardship. When you turn in a pledge card you get a 2009 calendar with pictures of ministries and kids. We need to do stewardship all year.

Vestry Election: Kim DeJong, Jo Evans, and Chris Hardy were nominated for 3 year terms. The congregation seconded this and it was approved.

Kandy Halstead and Whit Greene were nominated for Senior and Junior Wardens. The congregation seconded this and it was approved.

Whit Greene

1. Whit talked about the work that was accomplished this year.
 - a. The handrail going into the office.
 - b. Replacing the carpet with hardwood in the church (in process).
 - c. Putting new roofs on all 3 buildings (covered by insurance).
2. Whit added that the one larger project remaining is repairing and replacing the concrete stairs going into Balcomb House.
 - a. Whit committed to finding a way to pursue this in 2009

Mike Shoemaker

1. Mike presented the Treasurer's Report and discussed the finances of the church. We are behind in our pledges so far this year (historically this happens during the summer and early fall), but we are more behind than before. Although an area of concern, Mike pointed out that expenses are in line and cash reserves (although lower than desirable) should be sufficient to carry us over.
2. The church has refinanced our mortgage locking in a rate of 6.7% for 10 years with Compass Bank. Our monthly payment is up by a little over \$300, however, we will be paying more principal.
3. Mike walked the congregation through the 2009 Ministry, stressing the need for increased giving, to cover necessary increases in expenses.

Clay Hubbs

1. Clay, on behalf of Kimberly who was unable to attend the meeting, discussed Sunday School. We have 12 teachers and 2 substitutes. We always need more. There are 40 children in attendance each week. They are having fun—come and see.

Father Michael concluded the meeting thanking Betty Sue and Emily for great music and choir. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Patty Fanning.