

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on 06 December 2009

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church was held at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall after the worship service on Sunday, 06 December 2009. The Reverend Jim May opened the meeting with a prayer.

Rector's Report: Rev. May reported that St. Paul's has maintained relatively stable membership – 2 military families left and 4 new families have joined. The joint youth group is quite active. There were joint celebrations of St. Paul's Day and Lamb's Creek Day. Bishop Creighton confirmed 7 people during his visit on 08 NOV. The 0800 Sunday worship services will continue – attendance is between 3 and 16. Rev. May will hold noon-day services on Wednesdays. He plans to begin an adult education class, meeting between 0800 and 1000 services.

Election of Recorder: Richard Frazer was elected recorder of the Annual Meeting.

Election of New Vestry Members:

Counters: Patty Shippee, Mary Ellen Arthurs, and John Ritter were selected as vote counters.

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements were provided for candidates for the vestry, and for voting in the vestry election.

Candidate Presentations:

Carolyne Ashton: (read by Robert Budnick) stressed inclusiveness.

Christine Peyton: spoke of her journey of faith.

Michele Bogue: has worked with St. Paul's Vestry, serving as Register for 13 years.

Steve Malyevac: is willing to serve as vestry member to help St. Paul's navigate the road ahead.

Whit Turner: said St. Paul's is his family – he has been off the vestry for 3 years.

There were no nominations from the floor. Carolyne Ashton, Christine Peyton, and Michele Bogue were the newly elected vestry members.

Senior Warden's Report: Chuck Gleason spoke of St. Paul's mission statement and put the year 2009 in the perspectives of Looking Back and Looking Forward. Looking Back: Mike Shippee did a super job as Junior Warden; the ECW was the "get it done" department for general support and fundraising; Stephanie Henke and the Day School Team did not give up despite minimal enrollment; the vestry was very concerned with finances and budget deficits. Looking Ahead: We will be conducting a Mutual Ministry Review and it is critical for everyone to contribute; we will undertake repair and restoration of the St. Paul's pipe organ; the Day School will be growing in 2010; we will continue to support our chosen Mission and Outreach Projects.

Junior Warden's Report: Mike Shippee noted that it is inefficient for the Junior Warden to start from "ground zero" every year. He recommends that St. Paul's establish a Property Commission to maintain continuity, and appoint a Sexton to handle the many small things that are in constant need of attention. Mike summarized the many projects that were completed under his watch. The church doors are among the major projects underway – the complete doors, frames, and thresholds have been ordered and should

be installed soon. In connection with the Organ Project, the North Gallery will be overhauled in late spring: plaster, electrical service, floors, walls, lighting, and painting. Projects for 2010 include repair of the outside door to the Rector's office, a handicap ramp for the church, and construction of a Columbarium.

Organ Committee: Stuart Ashton provided a summary of the history of the St. Paul's Pipe Organ, the work of the organ committee in deciding what needs to be done, selection of an organ vendor to do the work, and the financial plan for funding the project.

Mutual Ministry Review: After meeting with Bishop Jones, the 2009 Vestry decided that St. Paul's should conduct an annual review to evaluate the progress and expectations of rector, vestry, and congregation. Chuck Gleason said that St. Paul's will conduct a mutual ministry review in 2010, facilitated by a representative of the diocese. The Rev. Charlie Johnson will meet with the new vestry in January.

Financial Review: Steve Malyevac provided the financial report for 2009, the vestry-approved Budget for 2010, and projections of general fund balances.

Committee Reports: Written committee reports were submitted to the Rector prior to the annual meeting. Statements made during the meeting are summarized below:

Day School: Stephanie Henke reported that there are currently 3 students enrolled in the St. Paul's Day School, one more is expected in January, and there may be another in January. She noted that despite the extensive advertising campaign, most people in King George do not know about the school.

Youth Group: Stephanie Henke said the joint youth group is doing well, with 10 to 13 active participants from St. Paul's and St. John's.

Music: Jeannine Richardson said that more space is needed for the St. Paul's music library. The piano light in the sanctuary is falling apart and should be replaced.

Altar Guild: Pat Frazer announced boxwood cutting and wreath-making.

Missions and Outreach: Bill Taczak urged St. Paul's to give generously to the Haiti Micah Project because it is literally keeping 250 children alive. Overall donations to HMP are down this year.

Installation of Vestry Members: The Reverend Jim May went through the vestry installation process with Michele Bogue and Christine Peyton. The Vestry Service Statement was read to the congregation and signed. Carolyne Ashton will be installed when she returns from travel.

Jim May closed the Annual Congregational Meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Frazer