

Grace Episcopal Church Annual Meeting

Minutes

January 8, 2012

Senior Warden Cathy Henry called the meeting to order. The Nominating Committee was introduced: Curt Asher, Miriam Vivian, Jackie Cooper Glenn, Barbara Fletcher, Aaron Connor. Ballots were passed out and congregants voted for 3 new Bishop's Committee members and three delegates to Diocesan Convention.

In the Vicar's report, Tim emphasized the growth at Grace over the past year. This includes growth in all areas, ministries, congregation and giving. This theme was repeated by the Associate Vicar and the Bishop's Warden. Plans to expand to a second service were mentioned.

Reports from other ministries were provided in the printed Annual Report, but at this time speakers from several ministries, including Outreach, Aging with Grace and the Men's Group added information about upcoming events and meetings.

Andrew Lisa introduced the proposed budget. He explained the cuts that the Budget Committee had made based on 2011 income, as well as pointing out the costs of everyday items like salaries. Vern Hill moved to add back \$300 for Youth Ministry. The motion was seconded by Ann Giddings. Dee and Jim Whitley said they would match the \$300 in the budget, bringing the amount for Youth Ministry to the 2011 level.

Frances wanted to know why the church was financially in arrears. Andrew explained that we are not, but that, given that pledged giving was as 86% of the projected total for 2011, it was necessary to plan with the lower number in mind, particularly since the stewardship campaign was just starting. He emphasized the importance of having transparency in the handling of the finances of the church.

Mary Webb asked what had been cut from the advertising budget – the Family magazine ad. The Budget Committee felt the money was better spent elsewhere and that the success that has already been recognized from the new website more than offsets the other.

Vern's motion was voted on and passed.

Greg Glenn made a motion to make Youth Ministries a priority as the budget is re-shaped when we know the actual pledging amounts. Nels Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vern Hill suggested that it might be good to table voting on the proposed budget until the stewardship campaign was over and the Budget Committee had a chance to make adjustments. He made a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded by Tim Vivian and passed.

The Whitleys counted the votes. Results of the election were: New members of the Bishop's Committee: Sara Chan Pettiford, Eric Barle, John Eviston; delegates to Diocesan Convention: Stephanie Antongiovanni, Jerry Pettiford, and Greg Glenn. Louis Wildman will be the alternate to Convention.

The meeting was adjourned.