

TO BE APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2011

ST. ANNE'S PARISH
Annual Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2010

The meeting began at 11:20 AM. The opening prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Amy Richter.

Sandy Criscimagna appointed Cindy Montjoy as secretary and Ed Hartman as parliamentarian.

Sandy Criscimagna read the description of the certification of voting members, and the voting members were recognized.

Tad Wood was introduced as the head teller and he announced the names of those assisting him. The tellers for this meeting are Cardie Hannon, Scott Gregory, Ariel Biddle, Sara Phelps, Heather Strang, Sue Aherne, and Carolyn Sullivan.

A motion was made by Ed Hartman to accept the ballots turned in by the 11:15 service participants. It was seconded by Eckhard Breineder and passed unanimously. The ballots of those present were then collected.

Eckhard Breineder gave a report from the Nominating Committee. He wished the leaving vestry members well. He thanked the members of the Nominating Committee. These included: John Gebhardt, Carolyn Sullivan, Bill Malicki, and Bill Garrett. The voting process was explained, and it was noted that Meg Kimble, Bill Wilbert, and Biscuit Wev are running for re-election.

The Rev. Dr. Amy E. Richter, Rector, recognized and thanked the vestry members who have finished their three years of service. They are Meg Kimble, Bill Malicki, Louisa Matthews, Biscuit Wev, and Bill Wilbert. She presented those present with gifts for their service. Since they have been praying for us, they were given a collection of prayers. Amy also recognized Nick Berry who will be stepping down as Chairman of the Adult Forum. Donna Larson has assumed his position.

The Rev. Dr. Amy E. Richter presented her vision for St. Anne's Parish. Her goal for every member of St. Anne's is to be theologically informed, spiritually transformed, and effectively reaching out to the world as the heart and hands of Jesus Christ. She feels that being theologically informed at all ages means chances to experience and grow, no matter where we are in our journey. St. Anne's Parish is a school for Christian learning, and our inquiry should always continue. Amy said that she would like to see a new curriculum developed at St. Anne's. We have the talent to do this, and we could then share it with the larger church. She feels that to be spiritually transformed we need an ongoing relationship with God.

Amy spoke of ways that we can become theologically informed. We have Christian learning for all ages and stages. At St. Anne's we have children in our parish at all of our services. She feels that it is critically important that we have a staff member to guide these children. While the

children are everyone's responsibility, she feels that we need a face for our children's ministry. She is grateful to the vestry for approving funds for a part-time children's ministry person. She has several resumes and has established a search team for this position. They will be reviewing resumes and hopefully will have a person in this position by the beginning of April.

Amy thanked Meg and Ken Kimble for all they currently do for the children. She also noted that we have a great Youth Ministry leader in Francesca Penner. For adults, there are wonderful lay led classes. Amy recognized those who are engaged in lay led lifelong learning. There are also opportunities for clergy led education. She would like to see a new curriculum for adults to be implemented.

Amy spoke of ways in which we may become spiritually transformed. She feels that we have excellence in worship at St. Anne's. We have the very best music possible. She would love to see us have a Youth Choir again. She wants us to become a center for excellence in preaching. She pledges to set the necessary time aside for preaching preparation. She would love to have a distinguished preacher series. It is important for her to offer many and varied opportunities for worship. She wants us to offer our best and to explore and use the fullness of the Book of Common Prayer. She mentioned that we are the only church in our area that offers Evening Prayer on a regular basis. She is excited that we have added an 11:15 service. Amy mentioned that she has been asked about a contemporary worship service as well as a service in concurrence with one that we currently have. She feels that we do not have the resources to support either of these currently. Amy feels that we are blessed to have Carol Sullivan as our parish nurse. She hopes that when Carol's grant ends in 2011, we will be able to budget the money necessary to fund this position.

The rector then spoke of ways that we can reach out. She pointed out that St. Anne's has many and varied outreach opportunities. Do we have too many? How do we decide which we keep and which we don't? We need to keep those that are particularly St. Anne's. She feels that we need a mission for St. Anne's Outreach programs. There is a committee formed to articulate this mission for St. Anne's. Katherine Hilton, Bill Garrett, Bill Malicki, and Scott Gregory are initially working on this.

Amy then mentioned the many images of our Church in the Circle. She asked us to think of what that image means to us. She then shared some of the responses that came in from the stewardship campaign about what our church means to them.

Bill Wilbert gave the report on Buildings and Grounds for 2009. His full report is in St. Anne's Annual Report. Bill noted that most of last year was spent cleaning up from the malfunction of our fire suppression system. We had a good insurance response to that incident. The damage was repaired, and the church was brought back to its original look. The repairs included making sure that the same thing doesn't happen again.

Bill worked with the Memorials Committee to relocate four grave markers. These were just memorial markers; there were no burials associated with them. Several offices in the old rectory

were painted, including Amy's. A Landscape Beautification Committee was formed to landscape Church Circle. This year the committee is endeavoring to replace the driveway at Church Circle. In 2009 there was an upgrade to the irrigation system. A moisture meter was added. The Facilities Committee has pledged an update on the Dungeon (the name given to the room for youth meetings), and work on this room will be done this year. Some heat pumps in the parish hall will be replaced. The Facilities Committee is working with the Cemetery Committee to do an assessment of the condition of all the cemeteries. There was a question about lighting the church. This has been on the Facilities radar screen for a while. The lighting of the top of the steeple is very difficult to maintain. The funds for this project are a challenge, but the project is being considered.

Steve Fisher gave a presentation of our parish finances. He thanked many parishioners for their help with the parish's finances. These included Kirsten Hair, the counters, the Investment Committee, and the past treasurer, Bob Clopp. His presentation included an overview of our finances. Our income is divided into four pieces: the church, the Preschool, the cemetery, and the endowment. There are 38 employees in the church and the preschool. Our pledges are our main source of income. He showed us a chart of giving over the past seven years. He noted that 92 percent of those who pledged made good on their pledges. Hopefully, for 2010 we have broken the downward trend for giving. If 92 percent fulfill their pledges, we will be back up to our 2007 level of giving. He reviewed our church income items. He also reviewed St. Anne's General Fund showing where all money goes. He reviewed the Preschool, the cemetery, and the endowment. We have 3.3 million in our endowment right now. We had a favorable audit for 2008. Steve then reviewed the controls to safeguard the church funds.

Our budget is up \$100,000 to \$930,000. Our pledges are over \$650,000 which is up from \$585,000 in 2009. This past year was the first year in several in which we had a surplus.

Steve reviewed the way in which the diocesan allocation is computed. He answered several other questions about our finances. Amy thanked Steve for all his hard work. She feels that clarity and transparency are important to our finances. Steve will be including a financial snapshot in *The Circle* each month.

Amy Richter gave the first ballot report. Those elected were Kirsten Chapman, Vollie Melson, Meg Kimble, Chip Tucker, and Bill Wilbert. Randy Brown and Betty Stuart McNulty were elected as Diocesan delegates. Amy thanked Gid Montjoy for all his help as her associate.

The closing prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Amy Richter. The meeting ended at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Montjoy
Clerk for the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting