

2010 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Prayer: The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by The Rev. JoAnn Ford.

Agenda: The agenda for the August 2010 Annual Business Meeting was distributed.

Appointment of Clerk: Eileen Allen was appointed as clerk for the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes for the August 2009 meeting were distributed for review. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved as written.

Rector's Remarks: Doug Richards and Barbara Kneisler will be leaving the Vestry this year. A gift of a peace candle was given to Doug for his service. Barbara was unable to attend today.

Rev. JoAnn spoke on her coming retirement in January 2012 and said she wants the congregation to focus on St. John's future. Transition is best for communities willing to be open to change. Last year St. John's got grant money for Pam and Bob Larson and Rev. JoAnn to attend the Congregational Development Institute.

A chart outlining "The Benedictine Promise" was presented. Benedict lived in a time of turmoil and instability. Benedict's Rule regarding living together in community can be used to guide us as a church community. We will be planning cottage meetings again for the coming year. Developing our congregation will come from each of us, not just from the Rector or the Vestry.

Attendance has been stable although we have had some active members move away.

The Vestry has been investigating clergy possibilities for the coming year:

The financial ability to have a full-time priest. The diocese has salary, insurance, and pension requirements.

Part time priest.

Fully retired priest.

Worker priest with another job.

Mission partnership priest - priest would serve two churches with interaction between the churches.

The Vestry has been collecting information from other small churches similar to ours as to what their solutions have been. The diocese requires that the search for a new priest cannot start until the current priest has left. Ralph Huesing recalled his previous experience in which small group gatherings and pot luck dinners greatly increased the strength of the church community.

This year St. John's has had three weddings, two interment services, and two community

services - July 4th and Memorial Day.

Senior Warden's Report: Gary Bennett stated that the coming year would be an interesting one for the Vestry and will require involvement from the entire community.

Junior Warden's Report: Don Paulson reported on repairs such as tree trimming, new roof rake purchased, bear proof trash can and yard care provided by Barbara Meckel. We will be replacing the east sidewalk and removing a tree.

Outreach Report: Tom Kelly cited the contributions to Habil and the elders and the Food Bank. He will be meeting with other churches regarding the development of a Miracle Weekend to provide services to those in the county.

Inreach Report: Shelly Bennett has been in charge of events. Sue Hillhouse has been working on starting our Sunday School.

Bob Larson took the course, "Safeguarding God's Children" and will be leading the required workshop for the Sunday School teachers.

Deacon's Report: Bob Larson invited all others to attend the "Safeguarding God's Children" workshop on September 25 from 10:00 - 2:00. Father Harrison from Glenwood will also be instructing as the course is always taught in pairs. Lunch will be provided.

Bob is conducting services two Sundays a month, once in Delta, once in Montrose, and is continuing his ministry with the prisoners in Delta.

Ratification of Wardens and Vestry Nominees: Ratified by acclamation were Bill Bennett as Senior Warden, Don Paulson as Junior Warden and Dick Allison as the new member of the Vestry.

Financial Report: Pam Larson distributed a handout comparing accounts and plate offerings for 2008, 2009, and 2010. As of July we have an income/expenses shortfall of over \$9000. We are down to about \$1400 in savings and have been using the savings account to cover the shortfall.

September 12 will be the first meeting for the new Vestry. Bob Larson closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Allen