

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING
August 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by The Rev. Jo Ann Ford.

Complete Register of Congregation: Prior to the meeting the Clerk and the Rector reviewed and confirmed the accuracy and completeness of the Parish Register and concluded the number of possible "electors." ("Electors" are all adult communicants in good standing and who are listed in the Parish Register, i.e., voting members.)

Calculation of Quorum: The Clerk confirmed with the Senior Warden the number of electors required to establish the presence of a quorum at the meeting under the current (1999) Bylaws of St. John's. According to the bylaws, twenty per cent of the total electors comprise a quorum. The number of electors required was, therefore, seventeen (17) of eighty-four (84) possible electors.

Using a copy of the Parish Register, the Clerk had each attendee sign by his name on the register. A quorum of forty-one (41) electors was present. The Clerk certified that a quorum was present.

Agenda: The agenda for the August 2009 Annual Meeting was distributed and approved.

2008 Minutes: The minutes from the July 2008 Annual Meeting were distributed for review. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Larson presented a summary of the Operating Account for January - July 2009 with comparisons included for 2007 and 2008. The Regional Assessment was contributed for the first time in 2008 and accounted for most of the 2008 shortfall of \$6,368. The budget for 2009 contains an increase of only .5 % over the actual expenses of 2008. It appears that we will have a shortfall at the end of 2009 similar to the 2008 shortfall unless plate giving increases. We going to be giving 2% for Regional Assessment this year, a savings from the 4% given in 2008. Another savings has been the change from propane to natural gas for our heating. We currently have \$10,000 in our savings account.

Junior Warden Report: Don Paulson listed the many improvements and repairs done during the year. They include repair of the church window sills and window frames, electrical outlets brought up to code; dead trees removed; the switch from propane to natural gas and the propane tank removed; additional support given to the rood screens, and the addition of outdoor lights, fire extinguishers and fire alarms. A tack strip was added to the altar; repairs were made on the rectory roof, and plumbing was improved in the sacristy. Tim Paseck is mowing the grass and Barbara Meckel is continuing her work with the flowers and landscaping, and snow removal is being done by the members of the

Buildings and Grounds Committee. Future needs are repair to the crumbling sidewalk, aging carpet in the sanctuary, and re-stretching needed for the upstairs office carpet.

Senior Warden Report: Sharon Davarn summarized some of the many accomplishments and activities during the past year: Ministry Review with Lou Blanchard, six ministries established, website recreated with links added, a chart created to measure our progress on the discernment process, cottage meetings, summaries of meetings discussed with the Vestry, Mission Statement developed and presented to the congregation, mutual ministry review of congregation and Priest-in-Charge, letter of agreement offered and accepted by Rev. Jo Ann Ford, who will now be our Rector.

Rector Report: Mother Jo Ann reported that she has officiated at two baptisms, two marriages, and one burial. She continues to spend time "walking the streets" meeting with members of the community. She is on the Executive Committee of the Region, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and a member of the Resort Clergy Group.

Church attendance has been approximately the same year to date as 2008. She is grateful for a dedicated Vestry. Each Vestry member now maintains a notebook with all minutes and reports. Frank Duckett and Sharon Davarn will be leaving the Vestry. Gifts were given to Frank and Sharon for their service and to Pam Larson for her service as treasurer.

We are still working on the ministry groups. The Endowment Committee was formed, headed by Dick Allison. In this process it was discovered that we needed to update our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and a committee was formed to work on this task. The committee members were Carolyne Kelly, Tom Hillhouse, and Pam Larson. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are to be discussed and voted on during this meeting.

We have had two audits: one according to the diocesan guidelines and the other by Bill Hallmark to assess the value of our properties and furnishings. Dee James has agreed to guide our Music Ministry. Dee and Carolyne Kelly are doing our weekly bulletins. She thanked all those who contribute to make our life at St. John's run smoothly.

Items for the Future: Ecumenical work in the community, working with the Episcopal churches in Delta and Montrose, and on 11/14 the ordination of Bob Larson as Deacon. He will be the deacon for St. John's, but will be assisting with the needs in the Delta and Montrose churches.

Challenges: Financial - Jo Ann will be helping us to prepare for the future and looking at ways to meet this challenge. She has agreed to accept the minimum level pay but it could be difficult to find another priest who could afford to do this.

Size of the Congregation -

Visibility - We need to do this in terms of who we are.

Congregational Voices:

Kentee Pasek proposed a plan for a Prayer Garden to be located at the east end of the church. She suggested a simple design requiring low maintenance and one that would be open to the public and coordinated with the current work that has been done on the landscaping. All who are interested in this project were invited to meet with her and work on ideas for developing this area.

Don Henderson reported on the progress being made on the Kenya Project and shared a letter from Lisa Baker on the work being done there. The monthly contributions for food from St. John's and others have allowed work to be done on developing a school and a clinic.

Election of Vestry: Tom Kelly and Carole Byrom were elected by acclamation to the Vestry. Jo Ann selected Sharon Davarn to continue serving as Senior Warden. It is not required that the Senior Warden be a member of the Vestry. Don Paulson will continue as Junior Warden.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:

Adoption of Amended Articles of Incorporation: The Senior Warden selected Pam Larson to present and answer questions regarding the Articles and Bylaws. Templates were obtained from the diocese and the Articles and Bylaws were worked on by the Vestry and a committee of Carolyne Kelly, Tom Hillhouse, and Pam Larson. The Articles and Bylaws have been posted on the website, the 60 days required notice has been given, and the Articles and Bylaws have been approved by the Vestry and the diocese. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and to receive a response from the Presenter, Pam Larson, or the Senior Warden. Pam made the motion that the amended and restated Articles be approved. The motion was seconded by Don Paulson. The motion was carried by acclamation. Pam made the motion that the amended and restated Bylaws be approved. The motion was seconded by Gary Bennett. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Senior Warden moved that the meeting adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hughes
Clerk of the Vestry