

**Calvary Episcopal Church
178th Annual Parish Meeting
January 10, 2009**

Opening Prayer and Call to Order

The Rev. Andrew MacBeth called the meeting to order with the Tom Parrish memorial gavel at 10:15 and led the parish in an opening prayer.

Appointment of Secretary and Chief Teller

Fr. MacBeth appointed Al Harvey as chief teller and Gayle Spence as secretary.

Voting Instructions and Motion for Election by Plurality

Al Harvey explained the voting process to elect 5 new members to the Calvary vestry. Eligible voters must be present, 16 years of age or older, and communicants in good standing. Seven candidates were presented. All ballots must be cast for exactly five candidates. Al offered a motion that the candidates be elected by plurality, meaning that the five candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote. Paper ballots were distributed by the tellers.

Introduction of Vestry Candidates

The candidates; Laurie Brooksbank, Sam Cole, Lucia Crenshaw, Desi Franklin, Dana Sue Percer, Jerry Stiles, and Gary Wilson were introduced by Bill Henry. Complete biographical information on all candidates is available in the Annual Report.

Vestry Election

A request for nominations from the floor led to no further nominations. The congregation was given instructions to mark their ballots for five candidates and the ballots were taken up by the tellers.

Rector's Annual Report

Andy lifted up several trends in the life of Calvary that will have an effect on our future.

- The loss of several senior members of the parish family in 2009. These losses will mean consequences to the parish in several ways: the loss of their historical perspective, financial loss of some pledging units, and it is a sign of the “younging” of the parish. The national church reports that the average age of an Episcopalian is 60+ years – Calvary’s average age is 42. It takes 50-80 new members annually to maintain the parish at an even level.
- The candidates for the vestry have all remarked that they want to focus on the growth of the parish. We have a lot to learn in this area. Who will be the next 100 Calvary members? They will probably come from the 3 state area, but most will come from ZIP codes 38103 and 38104. Who are our neighbors and what are they looking for in a church home?
- The search committee is actively looking for a new associate rector to replace Bonnie. During this process the Rev. Senter Crook will assist with pastoral care duties and the Rev. Ellen Roberds, a Presbyterian minister will help with the CORE program at Rhodes and with outreach ministries.
- Calvary currently has 5-6 parishioners in the ordination process. Hester Mathes, Kell Gary, and Martin Jellinik have moved to the diocesan level in their discernment process.

- Andy reports that the Oregon Bishop election process was interesting, but he is quite happy with the outcome. The experience has left him very grateful for the many programs and pastoral relationships at Calvary.
- Calvary's job in the future is to continually discern our purpose.

2007 Financial Report

Peg Wahl, treasurer of the vestry, presented the 2009 financial report. Copies of the financial report were available to the congregation. Peg thanked Rick Fortin, Cap Pinkham, Andy MacBeth, and the Financial Committee for their hard work as good stewards of the parish finances, leading to an estimated surplus of \$1,521 for 2009. This surplus reflects total revenues for the year that are under budget by \$100,000 and expenses under budget by \$98,500. The remaining \$92K debt to the endowment fund was paid off in 2009.

2009 Budget

The 2009 budget prepared by the Finance Committee was presented by Allison Gates, junior warden of the vestry. The budget is based on an anticipated income of \$2,426,315 which represents decreases in all income areas including 2010 pledge commitments that are down to \$1,700,000 from \$1,805,000 in 2009. At the present time the number pledging units is decreased to 332 in 2010 from 346 in 2009. The proposed budget represents expenses that match anticipated revenues. Calvary's diocesan pledge has been reduced based on anticipated decreased pledged income.

In 2009 the vestry voted to obtain a line of credit from 1st TN bank to be used to alleviate cash flow issues throughout the year. Expected interest expenses for this line of credit are included in the budget.

Recognitions

- Outgoing vestry: David Balling, Michelle Fulmer, Bill Henry, Gayle Spence, Lee Wakeman
- Leslie Smith who has been dining room coordinator for Waffle Shop
- Elizabeth Madden and Kendra Martin outgoing Altar Guild co-chairs

Intercessions for Saints Departed in 2009

The Rev. George Yandell offered prayers for all those buried through the ministry of Calvary Church during 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Spence
Clerk

The results of the vestry election were announced at the 11:15 service. The following persons were elected: Lucia Crenshaw, Desi Franklin, Dana Sue Percer, Jerry Stiles, and Gary Wilson.