

**Calvary Episcopal Church
177th Annual Parish Meeting
January 4, 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. The presence of a quorum was noted.

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 6 new members to the Calvary vestry. Eligible voters must be present, 16 years of age or older, and communicants in good standing. Eight candidates were presented. All ballots must be cast for exactly six candidates. Al offered a motion that the candidates be accepted by plurality, meaning that the six 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

A slate of candidates was presented by the nominating committee. Andy MacBeth asked the candidates to come forward as he introduced them: Mark Johnson, Rob Waldo, James Aldinger, Jeff Kitterman, Andy Mathes, Drew Smith, Beebe Woodside, and Ginny Strubing. Complete biographical information on all candidates is available in the Annual Report.

Vestry Election

The congregation was given instructions to mark their ballots for six candidates and the ballots were taken up by the tellers.

Intercessions for Saints Departed in 2008

The Rev. George Yandell offered prayers for all those buried through the ministry of Calvary Church during 2008.

2007 Financial Report

Peg Wahl, outgoing treasurer of the vestry presented the 2008 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 overall surplus of \$75,376 for 2008 in spite of an income that was under budget. The surplus can be attributed largely to expenses that were held under budget by \$132K. These savings are due to Community Service savings, management of staff salaries and benefits through disciplined use of over time, and insurance premium savings. Since 2003 Calvary has reduced their debt to the endowment fund from \$900K to \$180K. \$50K of the 2008 budget surplus will be applied to the remaining debt.

2009 Budget

The 2009 budget prepared by the Finance Committee was presented by Bill Henry, junior warden of the vestry. Budgeted revenues for 2009 are slightly lower than the estimated revenues for 2008. The budget that has been presented represents expenses that match

proposed revenues. Outreach and Discretionary spending remains the same as 2008. Due to the redistribution of staff with one less clergy position and one new lay staff position staff salaries are slightly lower. There is some flexibility built into the 2009 budget through planned programs that have been budgeted but can be altered. Calvary's diocesan pledge has been decreased by \$12K.

Questions from the congregation concerning the endowment fund led to the explanation that this fund is a separate 501C3 organization with a distinct board of directors. Due to the financial crisis the value of the endowment fund has decreased which means that Calvary will receive less income from the endowment fund over the next few years. Calvary's income from the endowment fund is based on the value of the fund over the trailing three years.

Thanksgivings for Calvary's gifts – offered by the congregation

- The Community breakfast
- The children going to Children's Chapel
- The helpful staff
- The gifts of clothes and toiletries to the Community breakfast
- Over 40 youth and adult acolytes – 20 youth in the 11th and 12th grades
- The music and the reverence of the sanctuary
- The ministry of Karen Tynes to the Pastoral Care ministry group and Jim Coleman who will take over this ministry
- The library and the dedicated librarians that keep it organized
- The crowd for an annual meeting
- Soup Sunday customers and the approximately 20 volunteers that make the soup
- Calvary clergy and their leadership
- The substance of the parish – music, sermons, services, intellect, educational offerings
- The Altar Guild
- Calvary's work in the community
- Youth leadership and families that bring their kids
- Waffle Shop and the Lenten Preaching series
- Adult education coordinators and speakers
- Senter Crook who has retired from active ministry

After the congregation joined in singing the doxology the meeting was closed with a prayer by Bonnie Malone.

The results of the vestry election were announced at the 11:15 service. The following persons were elected: Ginny Strubing, Andy Mathes, Beebe Woodside, Mark Johnson, Jeff Kitterman, James Aldinger

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Spence
Clerk