

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2007

Attendance: 53

Call to Order and Opening Devotion

- Meeting called to order by Senior Warden Bert Van Houten
- Opening Devotion offered by Reverend Helen McPeak

Adoption of the Minutes of March 12, 2006

- Meeting minutes of March 2006 Annual Meeting approved as printed.

Election of Vestry

- Bert introduced 2007 Vestry Candidates
 - *Jack Blenk – elected 3 year term*
 - Clark Kincaid
 - Nancy Knox
 - *Elsa Torgerson – elected 1 year term*
 - *Tom Wolch – elected 3 year term*

There were no nominations from the floor; voting was done by secret ballot. There are three vestry positions open: 2-3 year terms and 1-1 year term. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be the 3-year vestry terms, the next highest number of votes will be the one-year term. (Votes were counted by Irv Cousins, Mike Sieczka and Rose Stams.)

Treasurer's Report: Jim Koehn

- 2006 Fiscal Report was passed out to those in attendance.
- 2006 contribution statements have been sent via e-mail and 'snail' (US Postal Service) mail. If statement has not been received, members of the congregation were to contact Jim.
- Joe Schifano audited the books for 2006 including a spot audit of various items.
- We entered the year with \$18–20,000 in the investment account. To date, the investment account still has \$7,000. Expenditures for the year were approximately \$125,000. There is a \$3,800 deficit. Our three biggest expenses are Asking (25%), Facility cost and Priest costs (housing allowance). A member of the congregation asked what we get in return for our 'Asking' pledge to the Diocese. Reverends Mike and Helen gave condensed explanations of all that the Diocese does with the 'Asking' pledge. In the case of Epiphany, we get ours back with the \$3,000 the Diocese gives towards our facility costs per month plus the usual Diocesan contributions.
- We currently have approximately 110 people attending on a weekly basis. One year from now we need 200 people to attend. In 2006 we had 31 pledging families. Currently for 2007 we have 62 pledging families. Jim is cautiously optimistic but we still need to watch our pennies.
- We are running out of space-vestry is contemplating adding a third service. It is unknown when this service will be offered.
- Jim is currently trying to establish a facility committee and a sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting. This committee would look into making the facility available for rental.

Election of Delegates and Alternates to Convention

- Nominations for the Diocesan Convention were then taken. (Reverend Helen did remind the congregation that at this convention there would be voting for a new Episcopal Bishop for the Diocese of Nevada.)
- Candidates were Irv Cousins, Judy Koehn, Nancy Knox, Rob McPeak and Terri Trompak and a junior delegate. Top three candidates with highest number of votes will go to Convention; the other two will be alternates.
- Top three vote getters were *Irv Cousins, Judy Koehn and Terri Trompak*. Nancy Knox and Rob McPeak will be alternates.
- Junior delegate will be Natalie Wolch.

Committee Reports are printed in the Annual Report but each chairperson gave a short oral recap.

OutReach Committee: George Yao

- George Yao is stepping down as Chairperson.

Education Committee: Terri Trompak

- The goal is to have a youth program two Sundays per month. It would be a combination confirmation class/dinner and fellowship events. Families of those youth involved would take turns hosting the dinner. This would be geared towards middle and high school youth. It is also a goal to concentrate on the adult education with possibly more formal training.
- A new Sunday school class was added on January 14, 2007 which encompasses the ages of 7-9 year olds. This class is being taught by Jill Racicot, Sue Racicot and Rebecca Dixon.
- Betty Jeanne Cousins is teaching the 4-6 year olds and Terri Trompak is teaching 10-13 year olds.

Hospitality Committee: Linda Blenk

- A meeting report was passed out since the Hospitality Committee has already had their first meeting and has a schedule of potential events. The first event will be a Newcomer's Social on February 10th. Other events include the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (which was hosted by the men last year) and a High Tea in May which would be a fundraiser. There was a vestry vote during the meeting to approve the Newcomer's Social on February 10, 2007.
- One of the goals of the hospitality committee is to have small intimate groups of 6-8 people meet the clergy and newcomers either in homes or at a restaurant. Father Mike also suggested that small groups can be just about anything, they don't particularly need to be social groups. They can be bridge groups, bowling groups, etc.

Facilities Committee: Judy Koehn

- Volunteers are needed for the Sunday Activities and Responsibilities and an informational sheet was passed around that outlines these duties. Weekly and Quarterly sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Father Mike did suggest that work parties could be scheduled where some of the quarterly tasks could be undertaken as a group project where much could be accomplished with the camaraderie of others.

Worship and Liturgy Committee: Judy Koehn

Subcommittees:

- Altar Guild, of which *Elsa Torgerson* is the Directress. Currently there are 8 people sharing the duties of Alter guild. Again, the guild is always looking for new volunteers and anyone may join. Elsa would provide training for the Altar guild duties.
- *Kris Kohn* heads the Chalice Bearers and does the scheduling. Reverend Helen does the training. The next training session will be February 4, 2007 and again anyone can volunteer to serve once they have had training.
- Lay readers are scheduled by *Connie Barlow* and volunteers are always welcome.
- Acolytes are scheduled by *Natalie Wolch*. Father Mike and Jill Racicot will have a mandatory training session for acolytes on February 24, 2007.
- *Sue Racicot* is the chairperson for the music committee and there are now five parish members sharing the duties of providing music during our worship service. Sue is also actively recruiting people who would like to be a part of an Epiphany Choir to provide singing with the music.
- Sign-up sheets were available in the Narthex for those people interested in volunteering for these different committees.

Junior Warden: Bill Kohn

- Bill also serves as Epiphany's Marketing Director and heads the Long-Range Planning Committee.
- He gave a short recap on his busy committees. Epiphany now has a mission statement which is as follows: **The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is a growing Christian community inviting all of God's people to live and worship with us in the Anglican tradition. We provide Christian education, fellowship, spiritual growth, outreach, and liturgical worship.** This mission statement can be added to in the future and there was also some discussion about a vision statement for Epiphany. The mission statement was a result of the Long-Range planning committee which is also charged with ways to grow with the possibility of a full time rector.
- The marketing committee markets Epiphany in four ways: Internet, Word of Mouth, Print Ads and Signage. There are printed business cards in the Narthex that are available to all members to post anywhere or to give to friends as a way to invite them to Epiphany. (New cards will be reprinted with the mission statement.) Newcomers are given a brochure that explains Epiphany Church.
- Bill is hoping for another "BANNER" year for Epiphany.

Senior Warden: Bert Van Houten

- Bert Van Houten gave a short recap of his year as Senior Warden and how it was an enjoyable experience to watch all that has happened: from moving into our own space, our dedication with Bishop Katharine, the addition of an 8:00 am service on Sundays, additional Sunday School class, weekly Prayer Shawl ministry, Men's Breakfast Club to the doubling of pledging families from last year.
- Judy Koehn voiced "**Congratulations**" to Bert on a year well done as Senior Warden and the congregation gave their approval with a round of applause.

Other Business

- Epiphany Mission Statement was approved unanimously by the congregation.
- Terri Trompak asked that questionnaires be completed and returned to her.

Priests' Comments

- Reverend Helen gave a short speech on what she sees in Epiphany as “baby steps”. We must hold together in the midst of diversity and be prepared for the reign of God.
- Father Mike congratulated the retiring vestry members: Bert and Pat Van Houten, (Pat serves as Secretary to the vestry but is not an elected vestry member) Connie Barlow and Jim Koehn. (Jim is no longer a vestry member but will remain as Treasurer.)
- Father Mike said there will be a Lenten Study program with dates and times to be announced.

Closing Devotion

- Father Mike Annis provided the closing devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Racicot