

EPIPHANY CHURCH, DULANEY VALLEY

Annual Parish Meeting 2009

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held at Epiphany on February 8th, 2009 at 9:00 AM. Rev. Dr. Kathryn Wajda led the meeting for the 44 members present.

1. The meeting opened with prayer.
2. Richard Fawcett (Registrar) has pneumonia; therefore, Kate McAllister was appointed to substitute as secretary of the meeting.
3. The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were accepted.
4. Parishioners were reminded of the rules regarding eligibility to vote and tellers were appointed.
5. The Rector thanked the out-going Vestry members (Betty Borcharding, Walt Lewis, Kim McDonald and Harold Thompson) for all they had done both on and off the vestry. The Executive Committee (Steve Orr, Steve Siperko, Jon McAllister and Richard Fawcett) were also thanked for all their hard work.
6. Steve Orr, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented three nominations: Lou Hubner, Laurence Thomsen and Gilbert Spencer (who will represent the youth). That left a vacancy in both the class of 2008 and 2009. The nominations were accepted.
7. Members of the vestry and officers were sworn in.
8. The Annual Report, compiled by Richard Fawcett, was presented. The Rector encouraged members to notice the new format while reading it, and thanked Richard (in absentia) for his hard work.
9. Steve Siperko presented the highlights from the Financial Report. 2008 was a significantly better year than originally budgeted for. (a savings of \$13,000). Day Care was down by 13 children in September, but is now back on track. There will be enough money for funding a new assistant rector, some of it possibly through grants. Steve thanked all members of the Finance Committee, whom he called "incredible stewards" that met faithfully every month.
10. Mary Spencer thanked everyone for her warm welcome as Music Director, and also thanked her four section leaders. She said that she chooses our music to reflect each week's lessons and would like to know what our favorite hymns are. There is plenty of room for new choir members, and she is trying to build the Treble choir consisting of children ages 8-13. Bruce Anderson is directing the hand bell choir which meets on Saturdays at 9:30 AM. There will be a Taize service in March and an Evensong in late spring.
11. Steve Orr, Senior Warden, also thanked the Finance Committee and spoke of his dream for an associate rector for Kathryn. Epiphany is in the contracting stage, which should be complete by June 15th, with Kristofer Lindh-Payne. Kris is passionate about youth and outreach. Epiphany is striving to welcome more members in their 20's and 30's, and perhaps this can come to fruition with vibrant youth groups. Steve said that Epiphany has a long history of Outreach programs, and that it is time for us to make a major difference in communities once again. There is excitement around the possibility of Kris becoming our associate rector.
12. The Rector gave special recognition to Peggy Blades for 11 years of service leading the Altar Guild. Peggy has grown, nurtured and guided the guild. Peggy said that she has been a part of Altar Guilds for 26 years! She invited anyone who enjoys "contemplative" work to join, and announced the guild's new co-chairs: Judy Wallace and Barbara Murphy.
13. The meeting ended with the Litany of Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McAllister