

2011 St. George Parish Annual Meeting

The Villages, Florida
Sunday, January 23, 2011

The 2011 St. George Parish Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23, following a combined 9:00 AM service. The meeting was called to order by Father Hugh Bromiley at 10:12 AM. The Rev. Canon Bill Squire gave the invocation.

LaVerne Collins, Clerk of the Vestry, was appointed to take minutes for the annual meeting. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the 2010 Parish Annual Meeting.

Vestry election

Following the appointment of Jack Perryman and his team as tellers, the four nominees for the Vestry were introduced to the congregation: James (Jim) Callahan, Edward (Ed) Johnson, Thomas (Tom) C. Ryberg, and Robert (Bob) Updike. Father Hugh acknowledged that each candidate has made and are making significant contributions to various ministries in the church and all are well qualified to be on the Vestry. He also clarified that the parish by-laws do not require that there be a minimum of 6 Vestry candidates.

Rector's Comments

- Father Hugh began his remarks with a roll call and moment of silence for the 16 members who passed on during 2010.
- Father Hugh stated that 2010 was another good year during which we attracted numerous visitors, added 55 members, saw pledges increase and our dire financial circumstances lessened.
- He commended the parish for its response to the earthquake in Haiti and its support to The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti.
- He explained that 25% of the funds that we send to the Diocese are used to support the Diocese of Honduras and other missions in developing countries.
- Because of our mature demographics, a significant amount of clergy and staff time is devoted to ministering to the dying, those who are ill, and those who are shut-in. He reminded everyone to be sure to let the office know if someone is in the hospital so that they will receive a visit from pastoral care staff.
- Father Hugh acknowledged each by name and extended his sincere gratitude to staff, various members, and ministry leaders for the wonderful things that they do for the church.
- Father Hugh presented Barb Reali Wood a gift to thank her for all of the work that she did overseeing the addition to the Parish Hall, including working with the architects, construction companies and financial institutions.
- The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Marilyn Hood for her work overseeing the Sunday coffee hours; organizing and making sure the kitchen operates properly; and chairing the Women's Guild in 2010.

Junior Warden's Report

The Junior Warden's written report was included in the packet of annual meeting materials. In addition, Paul Martin thanked individually those who have helped him fulfill his responsibilities. In particular, he thanked Marilyn Hood for making sure that our kitchen adheres to Lake County code. And he thanked Archie Duncan and Father Hugh for their support.

Senior Warden's Report

- Archie Duncan's written report also was included in the packet. He began his oral remarks by re-reading the 1st sentence of today's Epistle from I Corinthians.
- Archie gave a final report of the Stewardship Campaign; 97 pledges were received representing 70% of the "family units." Unfortunately, the pledges were slow coming in making it difficult to formulate a budget.
- The alarm system is basically installed and training will be conducted on January 26, for heads of ministries. Those not in attendance for the training will be trained by those who do receive the training.
- Archie thanked the Women's Guild and individuals whose contributions enabled the establishment of an Endowment Fund. In 2 months, the fund now has \$7500 to help defray major expenses.
- Copies of the parish by-laws and Vestry minutes are available in the office.
- A vote was taken whether to have a Christmas party in 2011 similar to the one held in 2010 or a sit-down affair. Members overwhelmingly voted for a more formal, sit-down dinner affair.

Vestry Election Results

Jim Callahan, Tom Ryberg, and Bob Updike were elected to the Vestry for three- year terms. They will replace Archie Duncan, Walter Martin and Barb Reali Wood who are rotating off the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2011 Budget

Ruth Wadman reviewed the final numbers for 2010 and explained that the deficit of \$14,391.64 was primarily a result of monies paid for our share of the diocesan plan for proportional giving in 2010 and owed from 2009. An increase in the number of hours worked by the parish secretary, an increase in utility rates, and purchases needed to keep our computer system functional also contributed to the deficit. Ruth presented the budget for 2011 as approved by the Vestry. The budget is conservative. It does not provide for any salary increases. It sets aside money to apply for a grant that would allow us to have an interpreter for the hearing-impaired. The full amount for the diocesan plan for proportional giving is included. The budget also includes \$5,000 for outreach. The Vestry will determine the recipients of these monies on a monthly or quarterly basis. Utilities are budgeted at a slightly higher rate to absorb anticipated increases in their costs. Monies are included to set-aside towards having an outside audit when sufficient funds have accrued.

There were no questions during the "open discussion" time.

Father Hugh adjourned the meeting after a closing prayer at 11:35 AM.