

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
Trinity Cathedral**

Sunday, February 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order 12:50 pm. Opening prayer led by Bishop Shand.

2009 Minutes Recorded and Acceptance of 2008 Minutes

Official Minutes Recorder was identified as Holly Ireland, Registrar. Two reviewers of the minutes were identified: Katie Murphy and Jane Johnson.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Acceptance of Annual Reports

It was asked that the author of the Interfaith Report be identified. Bob Laforce reported that he had submitted the Interfaith Report. It was moved that the reports be received by title. The motion was seconded and carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Chapter Members

The discussion was led by Susan Moore, People's Warden. The following outgoing Chapter members were identified: Susan Moore, People Warden; Cindy Jurrius and Val Prochaska.

The current practice is for outgoing members of the Chapter to nominate their replacement. Jane Morgan, Diocesan Representative, has also completed her term. Bishop Shand will appoint her replacement.

The following members of the congregation were identified as nominees for the Chapter: Connie Overington, Nancy Cummings, and Skip Wrightson. Each was asked to briefly address those present as to their interest and relevant experience to serving on the Chapter.

All three nominations were seconded. Request for nominations from the floor received no response. It was moved, seconded, and carried to close nominations. It was moved to accept all three nominations by acclimation. This motion was seconded and carried.

Scott Smith announced he is stepping down after two years as Senior Warden and that Howard Snyder has agreed to serve for one year as the new Senior Warden. Howard Snyder has been appointed to the Chapter to complete the final year of Jim McCabe's term. Jim McCabe resigned from the Chapter recently due to a conflict with his job schedule. Scott Smith will remain on the Chapter to complete the final year of his three year term.

Diocesan Convention and Delegates

The Diocese of Easton is incorporated, and as such must have an annual meeting. Convention serves as the governing body of the Diocese, much like this Annual Meeting serves as a governing body of Trinity Cathedral. It was identified that the Diocesan Council serves as the Vestry of the Diocese, the same as the Chapter serves as the Vestry of Trinity Cathedral. All members of the Diocese of Easton are welcome and encouraged to attend all open activities of convention.

The Priest and Delegates represent each parish within the Diocese of Easton. This year Trinity Cathedral will have no Priest representation, due to the fact that our newly appointed Dean is not scheduled to start until March 1, 2009. The 2009 Budget of the Diocese will be reviewed and approved. This will be the 141st Convention of the Diocese of Easton. It will be held at the Hyatt in Cambridge the last weekend in February. There will be review of two basic resolutions and 8-10 Canonical resolutions. All resolutions are listed on the Diocesan website. Trinity Cathedral has 3 Delegates.

Delegates should be prepared to explain the resolution regarding Trinity Cathedral; amending Canon 502 regarding the limitation of service of the Dean when the Bishop departs. There will be review of the proposed amendment regarding tenure and severance package. There will be three Convocation meetings to review all proposed resolutions. Trinity Chapter will be represented at each of the meeting to provide an explanation of our proposed amendment.

Delegates for 2009 Convention are: Skip Wrightson, Pat Benjamin, and Scott Smith.

Alternates for 2009 Convention need to be elected today. Alternates will attend the full activities of convention but will have no voting authority, except in the event that a Delegate is unable to attend due to illness or other unforeseen event. In such circumstances, an Alternate will serve as full Delegate to ensure full voting representation. Also, Alternates for 2009 will serve as Delegates at the 2010 Convention.

The following congregants were nominated as Alternates:

Sandy Wrightson - accepted
Kelley Malone - accepted
Susan Moore - accepted
Jim McCabe - declined

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously the following alternates for 2009 Convention are: Sandy Wrightson, Kelley Malone, and Susan Moore.

Review of 2009 Annual Budget

Katie Murphy, Treasurer, led the discussion. It was announced that the Endowment Funds were not invaded in 2008, despite the projected invasion in the original 2008 budget. Expenses for 2008 came in under budget, and 2008 income came in under budget. There was a deficit of about \$2300.00 that was off set by a small surplus left from 2007.

The balance sheet of current assets and liabilities was reviewed. The Putnam Fund is solely for the use of paying for the priest pension. The Fountain Fund and the Endowment has lost overall 29% in the past year, a reflection of these dismal economic times. However, in the larger spectrum of losses, it is not bad. Trinity Cathedral relies on the Board of Managers, an elected group in the Diocese to handle and manage a \$10 Million fund that includes investments from several parishes and the diocese. This aggregated investing lowers fees for all. There are 21 of 39 parishes participating.

It was asked if there was a policy to reinvest into the Fountain Fund or the Endowment if there is ever a surplus in the annual budget. It was acknowledged that there is no existing policy to do so. However, this is a goal of the finance committee and the Chapter.

The Agape Fund receives separate donations and the monies are used to assist people in need. This fund is in need of donations.

Pledges for 2009 are comparable to pledges for 2008. Not all 2008 pledges were paid in full. It is projected that the trust funds will need to be invaded by a total of \$22000.00. Katie emphasized that it is the intention of Finance Committee and the Chapter to minimize any invasion of the Trust Funds, and to avoid it altogether if possible. It was highlighted that Diocesan Support was budgeted at \$15,000; 100% of asking was \$26,000. It is also a goal of the Chapter to be able to budget 100% of the requested Diocesan Support.

Kathleen and Bill Chilton rejoiced with appreciation for the amount of detail offered for review today.

Comments from Bishop Shand and others

Bishop Shand stated change is upon us, with great anticipation and a small amount of fear. A month from now when we unite with our new Dean we will be charting a course for a hopeful, positive, exciting future. Bishop Shand expressed the greatest confidence in Reverend Greg Powell to fulfill the role of Dean of Trinity Cathedral. His coming fulfills the profile the committee developed. The intention is to engage in a relationship with him for an extended period of time, and bring stability to Trinity. Across the Diocese, people are pleased that we have called Greg to be our next Dean.

Bishop Shand stated he is looking forward to working with Howard Snyder as the new Senior Warden. He offered special thanks to Scott Smith, the outgoing Bishop's Warden for his two years of dedicated service. Bishop Shand also shared his vision that the Cathedral will continue to grow into the leadership role within the Diocese.

Bishop Shand, Bill Chilton, and at least one other supply priest will be covering all worship services during the interim period between Mother Lori's departure, and Rev. Powell's arrival.

Pledge statements will be printed and put in the back of the church as has been done for the past two years. Any statements not retrieved after 3 weeks will be mailed. The more statements that are retrieved, the more we'll save on postage.

Bishop Shand led us in the Lord's Prayer, and in singing Hymn 529, "In Christ there is no East or West."

The meeting was adjourned @ 1:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Holly R. Ireland, Registrar