

**SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
2007 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, February 25, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Dean Robert V. Taylor called the Parish Annual Meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. The Reverend LaVerne Hall, Community Representative on the Cathedral Vestry, offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

- Dean Taylor called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. **Vote: It was so moved, seconded, and approved by the voting members.**
- The Dean called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. **Vote: It was so moved, seconded and approved by the voting members.**

REVIEW OF THE RULES OF ELECTION – *John Hoerster, Chancellor*

John Hoerster reviewed the election procedures, presenting the definition of “communicants in good standing” who are eligible to vote in parish elections, and described the election procedures.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – *Kathy Thompson, Co-Chair, Nominating Committee*

Dean Taylor thanked the Nominating Committee, including Co-Chairs Kathy Thompson and Mary Bayne, for all their hard work this past year and asked Kathy Thompson to introduce the Nominees for Diocesan Convention and Vestry. Kathy introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Mary Bayne, Co-Chair, Karen Allman, Susan Barley, Sherman Griffin, and Neal Sullins, then explained the work of the Committee.

- *Introduction of new Community and Diocesan Representatives to the Vestry*

Kathy introduced Sam Fleshman, the new Diocesan Representative to the Vestry, and Margaret Rothschild, the new Community Representative.

- *Introduction of Diocesan Convention Delegates/Alternates, Voting*

Kathy thanked those who have agreed to serve and introduced the Nominees for Diocesan Convention Delegate/Alternate, asking them to come to the front of the Nave: Stacey Anderson, Steve Berard, Deborah Emory, Jeff Helgesen, Ann McCartney, Carter Mears, Cheryl Middleton, Gerrit “Buz” Moore, Carla Robinson, Brian Sellers-Peterson, Diane Stipp, Walter Stuteville. **Kathy moved the election of the slate of delegates. Dean Taylor asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Vote: The Dean called the vote and the slate was elected.**

- *Introduction of Vestry Candidates, Voting*

Kathy then introduced the candidates for Vestry, asking them to come forward: Paula Clapp, Susan Knirk, Susan Lewis, Ben Porter, Bob Muglia, and Paul Johns. **Kathy moved that these persons be nominated for the Vestry. The motion was seconded and the Dean then asked if there were any nominations of additional candidates from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that nominations to be closed.** Kathy then introduced continuing Vestry members Miller Adams, Barbara Erickson, Connie Espe, Jordan Gross, LaVerne Hall, Michele Hasson, Carol Hoerster, Diane Stevens, Randy Urmston, and Herb Williams. Ballots were distributed, marked and collected.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – *Carol Hoerster*

Carol began by thanking everyone on behalf of the Vestry for their myriad ways of supporting the Cathedral during the 75th anniversary year. In her report she spoke about the valuable ministries Saint Mark's offers to the congregation, the immediate community, and beyond and thanked the determination of a remarkable staff, a steadfast congregation and a dedicated Vestry.

Carol reviewed the new governance model, in place for 3 years, with Vestry members from outside the parish. She noted that many people had increased their pledge when they had renewed, though the total number of pledging households is declining. She also talked about major gifts, the publication of a Narrative Budget and the Vestry's work to create the "Saint Mark's Cathedral Three Year Business Plan-2007-2009".

She reported on the Facilities Committee's deferred maintenance list totaling over \$1 million and the desire to balance the needs and demands of the community against the realities of an aging structure and the real cost of operations.

SAINT MARK'S FOUNDATION REPORT – *Roland Yancey*

Roland Yancey, Chair, presented a report about the work of the Foundation during the past year.

MASTER PLANNING TASK FORCE – *John Hoerster*

John Hoerster, Co-Chair, presented a report about the work of the Master Planning Task Force during the past year.

THE DEAN'S REPORT – *The Very Rev. Robert V. Taylor*

The Dean began by thanking everyone for taking the time to be at the Annual Meeting. He welcomed the new Vice Dean and Chief Operating Officer of the Cathedral, Mary Coon, to a new position at the Cathedral. He also announced that Carol Hoerster had agreed to serve a second one-year term as Senior Warden of the Cathedral Vestry.

In his report, he focused on three things: the life of the parish community, Master Planning, and the 2007 Budget. He noted that although the level of generosity and financial commitment in the community was remarkable and much appreciated, the pledge goal for 2007 had not yet been met. He expressed his desire that every member of this parish feel proud of being a member of the Cathedral.

The Dean then reported that the Vestry had charged the Master Planning Task Force with selecting an architect to complete the Nave as well as the entire campus. The Task Force has also been charged with conducting a capital campaign feasibility study and has approved budget concepts for a capital campaign. He assured people that there will be opportunities for all to listen, to hear, and to engage in this process.

He said the Vestry commitment to fiscal responsibility in developing the 2007 budget approved in January was strong. Because the Annual Campaign goal was not reached, planned spending would be reduced by nearly \$100,000, with cuts announced in the third week of March. The cuts would be an opportunity to sharpen our focus and be clearer about core ministry.

Robert then talked about his nomination to election as the Bishop of California and how thankful he and Jerry were that Robert was not elected. He expressed his commitment to the Cathedral community and to working with the community on the Master Planning and Capital Campaign. He committed himself to the Cathedral and asked for commitment of the Saint Mark's community.

2006 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – *Tracy Garland, Treasurer*

Tracy Garland gave a report on Cathedral finances during the past year.

RETIRING VESTRY – *Carol Hoerster*

Carol began by thanking the clergy, staff and Vestry members for their hard work throughout the year.

Three Vestry Representatives from the parish congregation ended their terms. Last March, Greg Davis assumed a one-year un-expired term. Ben Porter filled a one-year vacated position on the Vestry and, as Chair of the Stewardship and Development Committee, was co-chair of the Annual Campaign for 2007. Judith Whetzel was ending a 3-year term. Judith holds the position of Co-Chair of the Master Planning Taskforce.

George Robertson, the first Diocesan representative ended his 3-year term. He chaired the Finance Committee and guided the formation of the first multi-year budget and the Narrative Budget. George will maintain his position on the Foundation Board.

The first Community Representative, Larry Clarkson, ended a full 3-year term even though he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Marietta GA last summer. Larry served on several standing committees including Finance and Mission and Strategy.

NEW CATHEDRAL STAFF – *Dean Taylor*

The Dean reviewed the list of staff that had left as well as those who had joined the team in 2006.

PRO CHRISTO AWARDS – *Dean Taylor*

- Larry Clarkson- As the very first Community representative under the Cathedral's new governance model, Larry served the Cathedral Community with great distinction during these last three years.
- George Robertson - As the very first representative to the Cathedral Vestry elected by Diocesan Convention, George served the Cathedral Community with a passion and zeal to get things accomplished.

- Dick and Jane Carter - Jane and Dick lead the Russian Parish Partnership that Saint Mark's has with Holy Trinity Church of Kulich and Pashka in St. Petersburg, Russia. More than just a Cathedral partnership, the Carters have provided leadership to the Parish Partnership Program of the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VESTRY

The Dean introduced and welcomed Sam Fleshman as the fourth Diocesan Representative on the Cathedral Vestry, and Margaret Rothschild as the fourth Community Representative on the Vestry.

ELECTION RESULTS – *Kathy Thompson*

Kathy thanked everyone for their willingness to stand for election and encouraged those not elected to be open to serving in the future. She then announced the names of the newly-elected Vestry members: Paula Clapp, Bob Muglia, Ben Porter who were warmly applauded by the congregation.

Next year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 24, 2008, the second Sunday of Lent.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was closed with a prayer by The Reverend Sue Reid.

ADJOURNMENT AND DISMISSAL

Dean Taylor declared the 2007 Annual Meeting to be ended, asking Deacon to dismiss the congregation, which she did with the words, "Let us go forth in the name of Christ!" Congregation: "Thanks be to God!"