

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRAND LEDGE, MI.  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2010

The meeting began at 12:25 p.m. w/ prayer from Dan Rodeck. Sallee Anderson, Sr. Warden, presided over the meeting.

The attendance roster was passed around w/ 30 people in attendance. Jim Seling moved the Establishment of Quorum, seconded by Connie Fast. Carried. Beverly Seling was suggested as secretary for meeting. Marsha Smith moved as suggested, Jeannie Schroeder seconded. Passed.

The minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were approved with motion from Marian Stolz, seconded by Connie Fast. Carried. All reports will be posted on the church Internet site.

Jim Seling made motion to amend agenda to include Election of Vestry. Seconded by Marsha. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Viles reported our Net Income/Loss for 2009 was **\$-42,378.32**, an amount \$5,134.31 over budgeted amount. She did report our negative balance decreased w/ Father Nixon's leaving our parish. Some of the assets also decreased as needed cash was transferred to General Operating. Complete financials will be posted on the Internet as well. Copies attached.

Cliff Knaggs inquired as to how much of investments from 2008 were spent on general operating needs. Judy researched the 2008 Total Assets as \$187,224.35 compared w/ 2009 at \$144,772.13, which is approximately our Net loss for the year.

Cliff also mentioned the 2009 Budget vs. Actual should reflect a +\$5,134.31 over budget. Cliff moved we accept the 2009-year end financials, Kal Smith supported – carried.

**The 2010 Proposed Budget** was discussed in its condensed form. Many items in the Expense portion have been reduced such as less utility expenses due to new boiler which will be tracked, less office expense and supplies, part-time priest, etc. However, it was decided to keep organist Tudy @ \$14,260 which would include 40 weeks w/ choir, 52 wks. as organist and mileage on Sun. and choir practice night. It was decided that music was such an important part of our liturgical service and certainly our strong point. Housing allowance for a rector is non-taxable and can be re-allocated as to fit our needs.

Cliff commented on 21 pledge cards (+ possible 4 more) for 2010 for amount of \$68,848 while in 2009 we had 34 pledging families at \$86,000. It was stressed that as we prepare to delve into savings to pay operations, we need to concentrate on obtaining more members.

Tom Anderson moved to accept the 2010 deficit (\$-9237.00) Proposed Budget, seconded by Inger Lanese. Carried.

Discussion followed in many different directions and ideas. Connie Fast suggested we might try coffee hour between services so all may meet/greet each other. Marsha Smith commented, "if we act like a church, we'll be a church" – we do need more programs but should take satisfaction in an already established choir.

Sandy Kallen commented on our two kinds of attrition 1) older congregation w/ dying members and 2) no young people joining. Betty Jones also reiterated we need to cultivate young people and stay involved in the community.

Pam Cathy suggested we send special invitations to absent members.

Kal Smith praised our quality liturgical service as the best in the area, which we need to somehow communicate to the community. Sallee said the 2010 Vestry will strive to accomplish "**The one thing we can do**" and will start w/ our strengths as a parish.

**Senior Warden's report:** Sallee commented on the deaths of parishioners this year and the work we need to do. Her full report will be posted on the Internet.

**Junior Warden's report:** John Lanese stated he had a list of challenges this year and many were accomplished. The squeaky stairs were replaced, no leaks in the roof of late, the new water heater installed and the major task of the boiler replacement. Next year he hopes to have some interior walls repaired and painted, update bathrooms and the outside of sacristy needs repair. He thanked the many people that helped w/ these projects. A spring clean-up day will be announced later.

**Treasury of Memories:** Bev. Seling reported a balance of \$10,206.15. The Treasury of Memories is in the process of becoming a Foundation. Inger made a motion to approve, seconded by Paul. Carried.

**ECW:** Sandy Kallen reported a balance of \$974.83. A motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

**Altar Guild:** Jill reported we are currently at three active members as Sally Schlee is recuperating from surgery. We are in definite need of more members and help. Marsha Smith has agreed to oversee the Flower Chart. Coffee hour chart needs to be filled out as well. Inger moved to accept report, seconded by Marian. Carried.

**Outreach:** We need to be more aware of needs in the church like helping w/ Nursery when young people attend. Connie Fast and Carol Tyszkiewicz attended the Dec. Vestry and brought to our attention the needs in Eaton County for outreach programs. The Vestry will consider these possibilities and decide the “one thing for outreach” Trinity could do.

**Christian Education:** John Lanese has been doing Sunday school this term 3 x’s per month. Our sincere thanks to John for this program.

**Election of Vestry:** John Bunday presented the slate of officers as Connie Fast and Michael West each to a 3-year term, with himself taking the one-year term. John Bunday moved unanimous consent, Tom Anderson seconded. Carried.

**Diocesan Convention Delegates-Traverse City April 23 & 24, 2010:** Michael West was nominated as a delegate by Jeannie Schroeder, seconded by Connie. Carried. John Bunday moved to elect John and/or Inger Lanese as delegate/alternate. Marian seconded. Carried.

**Other items for the Good of the Parish:** Sallee will be attending the Grand Ledge Ministerial Assoc. meetings on a monthly basis until such time we have a priest. We’ll be sharing the Lenten services under the direction of Pastor Rick McKenzie, Immanuel Lutheran Church. Maybe we can help w/ their soup dinners.

Tom Anderson commented that Tudy, our organist, and Pastor McKenzie’s wife are friends with the possibility the two of them may work on programs together.

Father Ken Tabor will do both the Easter Morning Services.

Father Pike, from St. Davids, will visit to refresh training for EM’s.

Jim Seling moved to adjourn at 1:55 p.m., seconded by Paul Viles.

In closing, Judy Viles, Treas., Sallee as Sr. Warden and John Lanese as Jr. Warden were given a round of applause.

Closing w/ the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev. Seling