

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

26 January 2014

The annual meeting was called to order at 11:45 am. Deacon Janis Hansen opened with prayer. We were led in singing some old-time Gospel hymns by Cody Boucher.

Present were: Vi English, Janis Hansen, Phil Shackleton, Nick Pairitz, Ashley Pairitz, Samantha Southwick, Beverly Ford, Dave Hansen, Debra McNeil, Frank Ford, Cody Boucher, Judy Burns, Sandra Baril, Bonnie Hegdal, Val Neely, and Alice Forwood.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:55 by Sr. Warden Frank Ford.

Deacon's Report:

Deacon Janis Hansen presented a report summarizing her activities for 2013. These included conducting morning prayer, preaching, assisting at Eucharist, pastoral care, attending conferences, and training. A complete outline of her activities is attached.

2013 Year in Review:

Thanks: Senior Warden Frank Ford thanked everyone for their stewardship of Christ Church, especially in those daily and weekly "unsung" ministries such as lectors and other liturgical support, music, bulletin preparation, and all the cleaning that takes place in the sanctuary, parish hall, and grounds throughout the year.

Clergy: Frank reported on the current status of Clergy support. LOAs for 2014 have been signed with Deacon Janis Hansen and two "semi-permanent" priests; Rev. Bruce McNab and Rev. Jean McLean. Lay Leadership for Morning Prayer continues. The search for a long term solution to our clergy needs continues with talks with the Bishop and Canon Roberts, looking at innovative solutions.

Rectory Rental: Our current tenant will be leaving in June. A two month period with the Rectory empty is anticipated and will be used to make deferred repairs and maintenance. Renting the Rectory currently nets us about \$500 a month.

Pledge Drives: In the two pledge drives of 2013, there was nearly 100% participation and a very generous response. Pledges are important in that they allow the Vestry to do effective financial planning.

Ministry and Outreach Initiatives in 2013:

Wood Bank: Don Snyder reported the Wood Bank continued its mission of delivering firewood to those who are heating or cooking with wood and unable to buy or cut it themselves. The Sheridan Wood Bank serves the entire Ruby Valley area. The delivery truck

was repaired and now has dump capabilities. Christ Church supports the Wood Bank both financially and with volunteer labor. The 2013 annual report is attached. Plans for 2014 include visits from youth groups from St. James, Dillon and Holy Spirit, Missoula to help gather wood.

Monthly Newsletter: Sandra Baril reported that the Christ Church monthly newsletter continued to be produced during 2013 and was sent out to 40 members and friends of the church each month. The newsletter has regular contributions from the Sr. Warden, the Clergy and others.

Website: Ashley Paritz reviewed Christ Church's newly updated and improved website (<http://www.christepiscopalsheridanmt.org>). This is the place to go any time to find information on the schedule of services, activities, names of Vestry members and coordinators, our ministries and prayer list, a photo gallery, and the history of Christ Church.

Food Bank and Senior Citizens Dinners: Christ Church continued to man the Food Bank on Saturdays on a regular schedule shared with other Ruby Valley Churches. In August we delivered about 200 meals to senior citizens. Jerry Aaker is now our representative on the Food Bank Board.

Community Outreach and Youth Programs: Ashley reported on our community outreach programs which included two new events this year, a community hike and picnic at Branham Lakes and Sprinklerama, a water play event for children. Both were so successful they will be repeated in 2014 along with the addition of family game nights. A long-term goal of Youth Programs is to start a Sunday School.

Safeguarding our Children: The training of all Vestry members was undertaken in 2013, led by Deacon Janis Hansen. It will be completed in 2014.

Building Grounds and Upgrades: In 2013 we completed upgrades to meet with ADA requirements for access. A wheelchair accessible restroom was completed in the Parish Hall, as well as a new entrance ramp and new railings for the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. Two new kitchen ranges and a refrigerator were purchased to replace old ones in the Parish Hall kitchen. Plans were made for more improvements to be made to the kitchen next year, including an island and improved ventilation. The pew kneelers in the sanctuary were repaired and reupholstered. On rogation Sunday, two new maple trees were planted.

Treasurer's Report:

Deb McNeil presented a summary of Christ Church finances for 2013. Highlights include an increase in pledges each year from 2012 to 2014; an operating gain of \$7,244 at years end; and using 12% of our operating budget for mission and outreach. Documents including the 2013 Operating Financials by month and the 2013 Capital and Checking Accounts by month are attached.

Proposed 2014 Budget:

Frank Ford presented the proposed 2014 budget. There were a few questions for clarification. No opposition was voiced.

Elections:

Vestry: Jennifer Boucher will be leaving the Vestry having served the maximum consecutive terms. Nominations were opened. Nick Paritz was nominated by Phil Shackelton, Don Snyder seconded. Debra McNeil nominated Samantha Southwick, Beverly Ford seconded. Both Nick and Samantha accepted nomination. It was moved and seconded that Nick and Samantha be on Vestry. Motion carried unanimously.

Convention Delegates: Sandra nominated Nick and Ashley Pairitz. Val Neely seconded. Both Nick and Ashley accepted nomination. Phil moved that nominations be closed and Nick and Ashley be approved by acclamation. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Deacon Janis Hansen will also attend Convention as a clergy delegate.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.