

Church Annual Meeting at St. Mark's (1/16/2011)--Summary

The meeting was held following the Sunday morning Holy Communion/Healing Prayers service, in the Parish Hall. Attending were: Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Rev. Bonnie Campbell, John Tennefoss-Senior Warden, Jim Campbell-Junior Warden/Treasurer, Chris Boardman, Mary Venske, Wanda Wahl, and Rev. Joyce & Lee Avery.

John Tennefoss led the meeting, which included a written reports package on the many activities of the church in 2009, the 2011 budget plan along with the 2010 budget actuals, and the 2010 year end funds summary. A review of the 2005-2010 budgets with information showing the expenses especially for outreach, utilities and maintenance/capital improvements and how the surpluses each year have been used for some of these areas and reduce our future assessments. Also provided was a summary of potential costs for a congregation like ours if we had to pay for either a full/part time priest or supply priest or other staff positions, showing how much positive impact being a TCM style congregation has on our ability to do ministry which requires funding (like outreach). The presentation package is [here](#).

The 2010 Bishop Committee has agreed to continue in 2011, with no new people asking to join. The reps for the Convention could be the same as in 2010--John Tennefoss and Martha Krug, but checking with everyone to see if there is someone who would like to attend and serve.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the present worship service style, and ways to change that might draw new people to attend and join. Such things as the merits (and challenges) with paying for a clergy person (that might possibly lead/draw new membership), dramatically change our worship/music to be much less "Anglican/Catholic", and having sermons that focus clearly/totally on spiritual/Jesus aspects. Also, ideas about having events to invite people to that might lead them to come to church were mentioned. It was agreed that at the present amount of members and our overall age that it is a struggle to have the energy to make dramatic contacts and draw people to our church. It was further agreed to provide a survey to all members and mailing list folks to see what they like and what they would want to change about our worship and programs.

Jim Campbell