

*St. Philip's Episcopal Church*  
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**Annual Meeting**  
**December 5, 2010**

Father Barry Kubler, Rector of St. Philip's, called the meeting to order with an opening prayer at 11:45AM at the Southport Community Center. It was noted that the attendance was sufficient, in accordance with church by-laws, to conduct the annual meeting.

Mo Beers, Senior Warden, explained the process the vestry followed to develop a list of candidates for the vestry. Nominations were solicited from the parish through announcements in *The Philippian*. The vestry met and developed a list of potential candidates. The Nominating Committee contacted each candidate that appears on the ballot. This year we have seven candidates for five positions – four normal three-year rotation replacements and one two year replacement for a vestry member that, due to medical reasons, had to resign during the year. Mo Beers called for a motion from the floor to elect vestry members by majority ballot. The motion was made, seconded and carried. Next, nominations were solicited from the floor. No additional nominations were provided. It was moved, seconded and carried by acclamation to accept the following nominees on the ballot: Debbie Evans, Tommy Harrelson, Ross Irwin, Joan Hayes, Jake Pfohl, Lorraine Richardson and Mandy Tomz. The parish was asked to vote for five of the seven nominees. The four nominees receiving the most votes will serve full three-year terms. The nominee with the fifth most votes will serve the two remaining years of the vacated position.

Father Barry announced that Mo Beers will continue as Senior Warden for one more year. The outgoing members of the vestry; Bill Zell, Sharon Sands, Jerry Simpson and Neal Sage were thanked for their service and considerable contributions throughout their tenure. Additional thanks were given for the church staff, especially: Natasha Tatum – Secretary; Millie Hart – Christian Education; Debbie Skillman – Organist/Choir Director; Tom Trivett – Junior Warden; Wayne John – Treasurer; and Lorraine Richardson for temporarily filling in the vacated vestry position.

Mo Beers announced that the various Commission reports were provided in the Annual Report and no additional comments or reports would be provided at this meeting. There were no questions from the floor on the reports.

Father Barry announced the nominees for attending the Diocesan Convention as: Mandy Tomz, Dick Lee, Frank Darzano, Mo Beers, and Tina Berne with alternates Jenny Lee and Mary Ann Darzano. There were no additional nominations from the floor. There was a motion from the floor to approve the attendees and alternates. The motion was seconded and carried.

The buffet line was opened.

Following a count of the ballots by the Nominating Committee, the results of the vestry election were announced as: Debbie Evans – 3 years; Tommy Harrelson – 3 years; Joan Hayes – 2 years; Jake Pfohl – 3 years; and Lorraine Richardson – 3 years.

Father Barry opened the meeting to questions from the floor with the following exchanges:

Question: What is the status of our mortgage?

Answer: The mortgage is currently around \$420,000 and we are making excellent progress on paying it down.

Question: The latest long-range planning survey indicated that the top three priorities in the congregation are: 1] Assistant Priest; 2] Debt Reduction; and 3] Maintenance Fund. Are these priorities being addressed in the 2011 budget?

Answer: The Stewardship Commission is putting together the 2011 budget and cannot address these priority items until the pledges are in.

- Hiring an Assistant Priest is really dependent on the amount of funds provided in the pledges because it involves a multi-year commitment of funds.
- As indicated in the previous response, we are making excellent progress on reducing our debt.
- Most churches do not have a depreciation fund (reserves) to pay for major items as they wear out. For the past two years, we have been establishing such a fund. Also, the proceeds from the sale of Chuck Pollock's book on the history of St. Philip's Church will go to the maintenance of the Chapel of the Cross.

Question: Is there any consideration being given to set up a separate fund for the Assistant Priest?

Answer: That will be up to the Stewardship Commission and the vestry. An additional comment was made from the floor indicating that special funds usually detract from the general operating contributions and therefore defeat the purpose of the special fund.

Question: What is the status of the "Little Red House"?

Answer: The asbestos inspections have been completed, state and local permits have been obtained and the LRH and garage will be removed by December 13, 2010.

Father Barry addressed the existence and benefits of endowments. The parish is encouraged to leave assets to St. Philip's in their wills. There is a lot to do and all initiatives require funds.

Receiving no additional questions from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Dana Richardson, Vestry Clerk.