



# St. John's Anglican Church

## Serving the Wasatch Front

*Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
March 30, 2008 at 12:00 noon  
Submitted: Jody Smith, Corporate Secretary*

The Annual Meeting opened with Scott Hill introducing the Reverend Doc Loomis who welcomed those in attendance and gave the Opening Prayer.

Doc turned the meeting over to Jeri Lambourne, Senior Warden. Jeri reminded everyone where St. John's was one year ago.

Thanking God for . . .

This time last year we were meeting in the Gym of PCA with the purple floor. This building was a shell. The Ark was something we talked about. The Choir was sharing mic's and only had one piano. A big topic of discussion was do we or don't we use Power Point. We had a wonderful Englishman for a priest. **There is a time and a season for everything.** God has now given us a very beautiful home to worship God in. God has given us an Ark full of kids. God is showing us how to fill this home with people all hours of the day and night. God has given the Choir, has more mic's, music's stands, and many more instruments. No one has mentioned Power Point for several months. We are waiting and wondering who God is sending, to lead us into the next season.

**Senior Moment** – Senior Warden: Search Committee and the Ark Report and Recognition Awards.

### **Report from the Search Committee – Jill Ainsworth**

**Members** Lisa Kirchenheiter, Chairperson, Jill Ainsworth, Neal Robinson, Roger Booth, Mike Lambourne, Jim Swartz (*Vestry Liaison*), Bob May (*Alternate*)

Jill Ainsworth reported to the congregation that the Search Committee had narrowed down the list of candidates to three. Each candidate will visit one weekend in April. They have all been asked to plan to lead a bible study on the same specific topic at 9:00 am Sunday. They will meet and be interviewed by the Search Committee members and Vestry on Saturday and the congregation will be able to meet them and provide feedback to members of the Vestry.

**Search Committee** Thank you gifts were given to each member by Jeri Lambourne and Jim Wirkus.

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### **Report from Onboard The Ark – Gretchen Cunningham**

Gretchen reported to the congregation that the Ark was growing, primarily by “word-of-mouth”. The Ark’s Grand Opening began Friday, 25 March, with a fairly successful “Parents Night Out”, 2400 postcards were mailed out to residents living in Pinebrook, Jeremy Ranch, Park Summit, and Timberline; and we have adjusted our prices to be more competitive. We have received over 10 calls and drop-ins since Thursday when most residents received their postcards. Scott emphasized that the success of the Ark was very important

**The Ark Advisory Committee:** Charles Cunningham, Gretchen Cunningham, Scott Hill, Jill Ainsworth, Kate Bock, Jody Smith.

Gretchen handed out appreciation “boats” to the members of the committee and thank them for their assistance in gearing up for the Grand Opening.

Jeri presented thank you gifts to both Gretchen and Charles for their tremendous work and help in getting the Ark up and running and organizing the Grand Opening.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Scott Hill**

Scott discussed the proposed 2008 budget found with the material handed out prior to the start of the meeting. Questions clarifying Outreach were answered. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008 budget. Furthermore a request was made that not only the 2008 Budget but the monthly Treasurer’s Reports be included on the website.

At this time cash flow is a little behind in response to the current stock market situation but we have a few families who are now able to make up pledge payments we did not receive in 200. Parishioners can make pledge payments with VISA and MasterCard via PayPal. At this time each transaction will have a .30 +2.2% fee charged.

### **By-Laws – Charles Cunningham**

The proposed By-Laws were handed out to each parishioner attending the Annual Meeting with a table of substantive changes from the 2005 approved By-Laws. Charles discussed the principal changes being proposed in the 2008 By-Laws which are: A) increasing the Vestry from it’s current 6 members to 9 and eventually to 12; B) include a provision to allow some Vestry members to remain on the Vestry under exigent circumstances; and C) clarified the Affiliation language because we are first and foremost ANGLICAN.

Parishioners were given an opportunity to ask questions clarifying concerns.

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**A: Exigent Circumstances** due exist at this time of transition. Until St. John's has called a new Rector it is in the best interest to allow Jeri Lambourne to remain as Senior Warden and allow Gretchen Cunningham to retain her seat on the Vestry until the first meeting following the arrival of the new Rector. Concerns were brought up from several parishioners that Jeri and Gretchen should remain on the Vestry until such time that continuity was created with the new members and new Rector. Doc Loomis clearly explained that the position of Senior Warden is one appointed by the Rector and Charles, Scott and Doc wanted to make it clear that there were no "power-plays" being made to keep the current Vestry in tact for any reason other than to provide continuity.

**B: Clarification of the By-Law change process and vote:** Stan Sydenham and Roger Booth both expressed concerns about voting for the proposed By-Laws in their entirety at this time may be unwise. Both had expected to have a lengthy discussion revising the proposed By-Laws. Charles reminded everybody in attendance that they had all been given an opportunity to submit proposed amendments and changes to the Vestry prior to the two week deadline March, 16<sup>th</sup>. Only two families made suggestions all of which the Vestry carefully considered prior to decide whether to adopt the recommendation.

**C: Voting Age:** Clarification was requested as to why the voting age changed from 16 years old to 18 years old. Charles explained that legally 16 year olds are not legally allowed to vote or conduct business.

**Stan Sydenham** was granted the floor.

Stan explained his thoughts prior to sending an email letter to the Vestry and many parishioners after reading the proposed By-Laws. He explained his intent was not to criticize the Vestry but did want to make everyone aware that he had several concerns regarding the proposed By-Laws; primarily that he understood the Vestry is very busy and was concerned that "they can't always get everything right". After the discussion during the annual meeting he understood the process and time frame for making changes and recommended the congregation proceed in voting for the proposed By-Laws. Stan also requested that a committee be formed after the passage of the proposed bylaws to assess whether there should be other changes to be submitted to the Vestry prior to the 2009 Annual meeting.

#### **Ballot results:**

Proposal for amending the By-Laws – Passed  
Proposal to increase the number of Vestry members – Passed  
Proposal to approve the 2008 Budget – Passed

3 year term - Vestry Members elected: Bruce Kirchenheiter, Steve Bock and Jill Ainsworth  
1 year term – Theresa Mason

**The Closing Prayer was given by Doc Loomis.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm**

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