

Annual Meeting a Time for Review, Looking Forward

On Sunday, January 18, the annual meeting was called to order. We began with a prayer, and Tom Miller was recognized for chairing the nominating committee.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to serve all of you," Miller said. "It was interesting and exciting."

Nominations from the floor included Donna Knoell and Hal Smith, and members from the previous year were acknowledged.

Father James spoke about the new dean as being one who would "carry on this great vision."

Many stood up to recognize James Hubbard for his time at the cathedral.

Michael Thomas spoke about the financial annual report in detail (please see the exact figures in the annual report pamphlet on pages 30 to 36). There has been some reduction in pledges and "2001 and 2002 were pretty grim" as far as the money market went, he said.

However, Thomas said adjustments have been made to eliminate certain positions such as an open sexton position and a nursery position, and a reduction has been made in the music department. Upon seeing the unhappy faces, he remarked, "I know I don't need to remind you, but I'm merely the messenger here."

Thomas praised David Stoll for making the numbers match, as well as Virgil for his hard work around the Cathedral.

A number of organizations were not funded this year because of a surplus exceed-

ing what they have spent. This includes the Altar Guild and the Cathedral Bookstore. Our diocesan contribution actually increased, and this is due to the fact that many missions and parishes throughout the nation need our help.

Although the numbers are dismal, Thomas said, "There is so many ways that the church touches lives." Sometimes, the budget can be messy, but "we have so many people involved in the ministries in this place."

Thomas urged the congregation to get their concerns to the newly elected vestry. "You can shape the ministry priorities of the Cathedral," he said. Upon closing, Thomas received a standing ovation for his work "full of integrity."

Albert Mauro recognized Father James for his leadership as well as Dick Fanolio and Michael

Thomas. Candy McDowell followed with a report from the dean's selection committee.

"I'm here to proclaim good news," she said. McDowell described that the committee is in the interviewing candidates phase, and she listed interesting statistics about each person being considered, from various backgrounds to religious affiliations to occupations.

John Hornbeck spoke about the Outreach program and the plans to continue with their projects as well as participating more in the Harmony House. Their main purpose is that they "want to get you all involved."

Lastly, the vestry candidates were selected: Albert Mauro for a one-year term; Lucy Richards, Marnell Sparks, Doyle White, A. Rodger Wright, Gary Hicks, John Hornbeck and David Rice for three-year terms.

- by Erin Case

Welcoming Cathedral Guests

Did you ever see people on Sunday morning with a red gift bag sitting next to them? Go talk with them—they are a guest! Every Sunday when the greeters see a new face come through the door, they give them a red "Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral". The bag serves two purposes: to give newcomers information on the church, and to serve as a visual indicator to the rest of the congregation that the person with a welcome bag is a guest at GHTC.

Sue Willsey, who heads up the greeter program, reorganized that area of ministry and put the red bags into use.

LaGretta Gitta contributes to the bags as well by baking bread to include with the bags. She bakes several dozen at a time and makes a variety of them: wheat, grains, fruit, whatever useful and delicious ingredients she might have on hand at home. The bread creates an inviting way to literally "break bread" with our new friends.

Also within the bright red bags is a plethora of



information on our church. There is a letter of welcome, a current issue of *The Angelus*, information on Adult Forum topics and times, and small group ministries. There is also an interesting booklet on the stained glass windows located in our church.

Anyone can present a newcomer with one of the welcome bags, not just greeters. So if there's a guest sitting in the pew next without the telltale bag, don't hesitate to offer them one. They are located in the tower, just below the guest sign-in book. And as Deacon Linda Yeager pointed out, more greeters are needed at every service; contact her or Sue Willsey for more information.

-story and photo by Rachel Chambers



- photo by Jan Frizzle

Photos for the pictorial directory were taken in January by Olan Mills. Patti Howell, the Cathedral's coordinator for this project, expects the directory to be published around Easter time.

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Grace Choraliers
10:00 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Order for Evening & Eucharist

MON, TUE, THU, FRI

12:05 p.m. Daily Office

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Trinity Mixed Choir

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study

SATURDAY

9:15 a.m. Trinity Youth Choir

Activities for the Month of March

2 • TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Needlework/Quilting

3 • WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Lenten Academy

6 • SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Chamber Music Society of
Kansas City Concert

7 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Music Committee
11:45 a.m. Social Action Committee
6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

8 • MONDAY

5:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee
6:30 p.m. Lay Readers Training

9 • TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. *The Angelus* Small Group
7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group

10 • WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Lenten Academy

11 • THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Shawnee Mission East High, Concert

14 • SUNDAY

Blood Pressure Sunday • Morning Coffee Hours
11:45 a.m. Lay Eucharist Minister's Luncheon

15 • MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds

16 • TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. ESS Parish Ministry Workshop
6:30 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child

17 • WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
5:30 p.m. Lenten Academy

19 • FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Benjamin Johnson Trumpet Recital

20 • SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Women's Quiet Day

21 • SUNDAY

6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

22 • MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee
5:30 p.m. Dean Selection Committee

24 • WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Lenten Academy

25 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry
6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study

26 • FRIDAY

4:00 p.m. Men's Retreat at Rivendell
6:25 p.m. Parenting Group

29 • MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Shannon Finney Flute Recital

31 • WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office.



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Snow-covered Cathedral.
- photo by Chris Morrison