

Advent Guild of Bellringers Annual Meeting

September, 27, 2007

Present: Dianne Cermak, Greg Cermak, Danielle Morse, Nancy Chadburn, James Whiting, Mira Whiting, Cally Perry, Elaine Hansen (Catherine Vrtis – not a member)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

People should pay Dianne dues for 2007. Dues are \$10.

ELECTIONS:

Geoff Davies was nominated as an honorary member of the guild by Danielle, elected unanimously

New Members proposed and elected: Xiao Fan, Asher Kaboth, Eddie Futcher

New Members proposed: Catherine Vrtis and Genni Mushlin. Not elected because bylaws say something about being able to ring for service ringing.

- Ringing Master: (has been Cally Perry) Cally was re-elected unanimously
- Tower Captain: (has been Danielle Morse) Danielle was re-elected unanimously
- Steeple Keeper: (has been Elaine Hansen). James Whiting was nominated by Cally, declined nomination, Elaine re-elected unanimously
- Secretary: (has been Mira Whiting). Mira was re-elected unanimously
- Treasurer: (has been Dianne Cermak). Dianne was re-elected unanimously.
- Librarian (has been vacant for approximately 5 years, Nancy Chadburn was the last person to hold the office) Nancy was elected unanimously.
- Archivist: (has been Geoff Davies). Geoff Davies was re-elected unanimously. Note: Next tower cleanup, people should go through loose material and sort what is worth keeping and give to Geoff to add to the archives.
- Area Representative (has been Dianne Cermak) Dianne was re-elected unanimously.
- Clapper Correspondent (has been Mira Whiting) Mira was re-elected unanimously
- Peal Secretary (has been Don Morrison) Laura Dickerson was nominated by Cally and was elected unanimously
- Ventilation officer (unofficial position) Catherine Vrtis was appointed.

TREASURER REPORT

Please see attached.

Also, Cally suggested that if you ring a quarter or peal and don't have the money to put in the box immediately, stick an IOU in instead. Dianne suggested that the conductor remind people to put money in the box after a quarter or peal. Danielle reminded people that it is \$1.25 for a quarter and \$3.25 for a peal.¹

BELL MAINTENANCE

Report from Linda Woodford: (summarized)

¹ No ducks need be left in the box ☺

Routine Maintenance: Things are in reasonable condition but the spare set of stays/sliders is incomplete and the #1,5,6, &7 have been becoming progressively more deep set, possibly as a result of leaving the bells up. Linda recommends additional stays/sliders be made so we have a complete spare set. [Elaine said she would talk to Jeff Del Papa]

Annual Maintenance: Linda recommends that she or someone similar examine the belfry once a year.

Periodic Major Maintenance: Linda recommends that every 10-15 years maintenance be carried out by a bellhanging firm. Things for them to address include: growing deep-setness of previously mentioned bells, clappers need rebushing, bearings should be checked and repacked, the clapper pins on the 6 should be remade or replaced (could be remade in Everett, she thinks we should have a spare set of clapper pins made), the marked oddstruckness of the 2, the misfit between the 8 and its clapper.

Anticipated costs: For Linda to do one-day maintenance, \$250 [approved by unanimous vote], We should ask Bob Smith for an estimate the next time he's in New England, or talk to Linda on the phone if he doesn't have a trip planned.

Recommended Process: Once we have an estimate, Linda would be willing to make a more detailed estimate of the work that needs to be done to bring to the church to ask for at least partial funding.

TOWER CLEANUP

Will be scheduled by email.

OTHER

Danielle would like to remind people to be punctual and come to service ringing!