

# Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



Annual Meeting

May 5, 2013

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## Call meeting to order - Rev. Joy Segal

## Election Announcements - Judges of Election

## Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes - Rev. Joy Segal

Annual Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2012

### Call to Order – Rev. Joy Segal

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

### Election Announcements – Judges of Elections

The Judges of Elections instructed the congregation on voting procedures. The instructions were to vote for no more than four candidates from the list below and that no candidate may receive more than one vote on a given ballot.

Ann Blackstone	Judy Lenhart
Barbara Chilcott	Lisa Reeves
Robert Dieters	Jeanette Woehr
David Hammond	

Polls are open during the Meeting and for one-half hour afterward.

### Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes – Rev. Joy Segal

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Ann Blackstone, seconded by David Hammond. The motion carried unanimously.

### Rector’s Report – Rev. Joy Segal

Joy’s report began with a comparison of the Parochial Reports for the years 2009 through 2011. Those reports show a small decline in the Average Sunday Attendance through those years and a larger decline in the amounts of money both pledged and actually contributed.

Joy noted that unreported factors affect those numbers – weather affects attendance and the economic climate affects giving. Looking deeper finds Gloria Dei involved in intense efforts to rejuvenate, reenergize, and renew both mission and ministry. We have faced our presuppositions and fears about our congregation, our neighborhood, our city, and our world and have made changes to better interface with that larger world.

Joy invited parishioners to make known to her, at any time, their concerns about any matter involving congregational activity and their place in that activity.

We need to be “alive to thrive,” and “alive” involves constant and regular change. Being alive means listening to hear what people – within the congregation and outside the congregation – are looking for. We must be honest, and we must hold up and support each other.

### Rector’s Warden Report – Jerome G. Buescher

Jerry recapped the congregation’s efforts to “tame” the graveyard and make it evident to everyone who walks onto the grounds to see that we have one graveyard, not three or four, and that the church, the graveyard, Riverside Hall, and the Roak Building all form an integrated complex.

Jerry also noted the incredible amount of work required of and contributed by the congregation to bring about and staff parish activities – the Flea Markets, stewardship, Lucia.

And the vestry wrestled with the budget once again. As detailed in the Financial Report, Joy helped the vestry see its way clear to committing to a three-year cycle of using non-restricted investment funds to – in faith – step out in new directions and into new efforts directed to the immediate future.

We as a parish moved to a “one service” Sunday format – and we survived. The 10:00 AM Easter Sunday service presented a full church full of life and vigor.

We as a congregation began the “Transforming Congregations” program and found it daunting but exciting. Just as with the decision to commit in the budget to a three-year development cycle, Transforming Congregations will continue through not only this year but subsequent years.

#### **Financial Report – James Ufheil**

Total income exceeded expected income (always a good thing) but, overall, the financial picture was a complex one. We kept expenses under excellent control, but sometimes that involved deferring, not eliminating, expenditures.

The budget process was at least as difficult as it has been in recent years. Joy helped us look at the issue of leaving accessible funds to earn low returns while we postponed necessary building and grounds maintenance (a practice that ultimately leads to even higher costs as problems worsen) and avoided improvements that would ultimately improve not only our use of the parish facilities but that would make those facilities more attractive to renters.

In a similar fashion, Joy helped us see our way clear to establishing a specific “Growth Budget” to make it possible for Gloria Dei to move into new areas of ministry.

#### **Music – Guest Musicians, Chimes – Paul Fejko**

The chime choir provided music on many occasions, giving us something “special” for our post-communion reflection time. Paul Gibson, our seminarian, let us his “other” talent (singing) on several occasions. We also enjoyed the efforts of guest musicians, both vocal and instrumental, at Christmas and Easter.

In short, there was great music all year long. We hope to do more.

#### **Sunday School Report – Jill Duink**

Jill outlined the Sunday school program that she and Sarah Eisenstein obtained from the Episcopal Church website and adapted for our use. One of the activities included having the children create original art work that was offered for sale to the congregation. That effort raised more than \$70 toward the medical efforts in Guatemala, taught our children about sharing, and adorned many a parishioner’s refrigerator!

In short: the last thing we want is for our Gloria Dei to become a shrine church. Our children are our pledge not to become that.

#### **Property Committee Report – Rev. Joy Segal**

We continued to address the many long-standing issues that our five-acre site includes.

We funded and accomplished the restoration or stabilization of ten additional grave stones, and have raised sufficient funds to do another ten in the summer. A group of parishioners “funded” landscape improvements by showing up and working, working, working. We plan to have overhead fans installed in Riverside Hall to improve temperature control in that facility.

We have other projects to tackle but their cost exceeds our ability to fund them. Therefore, they await our Historic Gloria Dei Old Swedes Preservation Corporation, a 501(c)3 corporation, becoming operational.

We continue to love and preserve this property to continue the work begun here in 1677.

#### **History Committee Report – Jeanette Woehr**

Our work on articles in the archives continues with articles from the 1800s.

In celebration of this year’s 75th anniversary of the Lucia Fest, we have gathered items relating to the Lucia Fest.

We are also working on reconciling information from several documents listing, describing, and locating grave stone. That information is being correlated with the current state of the graveyard. This reconciliation will assist visitors about grave stone locations.

### **Altar Guild – Candy Roberts**

Candy thanked all the Guild members for this service in preparing the altar and caring for the altar furnishings. Not that least of that activity is the weekly washing and ironing of altar linens.

### **Pastoral Care Report –Rev. Joy Segal**

Pastoral care ensures that parishioners who cannot attend Gloria Dei are nonetheless kept in contact with Gloria Dei. That contact helps them understand that they are a part of Gloria Dei and reminds us that they – even unseen – are a part of our worshipping congregation.

This is a tremendously important ministry, even though it's not readily visible.

### **Hospitality, Gift of Fellowship Report – Peggy Buescher**

Peggy thanked everyone who helps with making visitors to Gloria Dei feel welcome and appreciated. That “help” most often involves providing something to drink and something to eat – the activities used by Jesus himself to indicate his care for his followers.

Peggy was thanked from the floor for taking on the responsibility for providing the communion bread that had been absent for some time.

### **Sextons' Report – Jim and Paula Minacci**

Jim and Paula thanked the congregation for their seventeen-year association with Gloria Dei and for their thirteen years of “Sexton-ship.”

Their report recapped the growth of the Flea Markets over the years – from a beginning of 35 vendors and \$1,000. in revenue to 153 vendors and nearly \$7,700 in revenue. Similar growth has occurred with the various incarnations of the Sexton Sideshows. An important point of both those activities is that they help show the community what is behind that brick wall ...

### **Guatemala Committee Report – Heather Myers**

Heather's report reminded everyone of the important help our congregation gives to our companion parishes – La Anunciación and La Ascensión – and their members, very definitely our brother and sisters In the Lord.

Heather reminded everyone our trip the previous summer and announced that plans were underway for another trip sometime in 2013.

A reminder – we, as a parish, are committed to providing a certain level of support for those parishes. Some of it we can raise on Guatemala Sunday, some of it we can raise through the church table at the Flea Markets. But someone of it has to come in the form of checks.

### **Inreach Ministry – Megan Bartlett, Diane Honor, Kristen Van Buren**

In an attempt to be less intimidating, the Stewardship Committee (the folks who ask for money in October) became known as the Inreach Ministry – the folks who coordinate and implement all the in-parish activities – kitchen staffing, dinner planning, social events.

A busy year, thanks for all the help, a plea for help as we go forward. New members always welcome.

### **Food Ministry – Dolores Collins**

Helping with this ministry at Emanuel-Saint John (Third and Reed Streets) has been a rewarding experience. We all receive much more than we give to this endeavor.

### **Tutoring at St. James School – Rev. Joy Segal**

Parishioners at Gloria Dei have been tutoring fifth-grade students at St. James School (a faith-based middle school, a mission of St. Mark's church on Locust Street). The tutoring is not just about helping students with their studies. It provides an opportunity to spend time with a student, to be a support, to bond with the student in a nurturing way.

Those of us who participate in this work know – as always – that we receive as much as we give. Anyone who would like to share this experience is encouraged to contact Joy.

### Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Preservation Corporation – Candace Roberts

Paperwork for approval of this corporation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is being prepared. The purpose of the Corporation is to seek to raise funds for the purpose of restoring, preserving, maintaining the buildings and grounds of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) church.

Once state approval has been obtained, we will form a Board of Trustees. Persons interested in joining that Board should contact Candace Roberts to discuss the scope of work and how their interests might be matched with the work needed.

### Election Announcement – Judges of Elections

The following individuals were declared elected to three-year terms:

Robert Dieters, David Hammond, Lisa Reeves, and Jeanette Woehr

Ann Blackstone was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term.

Jerome G. Buescher and Peggy Buescher, and David Hammond were elected as Delegates to Diocesan Convention and to the Southwark Deanery.

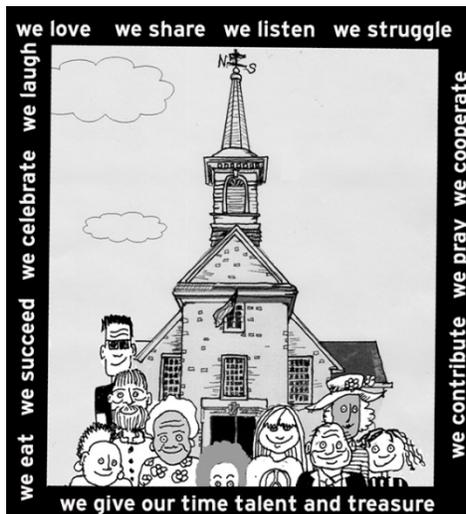
Barbara Chilcott and Jeanette Woehr were elected as Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Southwark Deaner.

### Adjournment – Rev. Joy Segal

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chickie Lipps and seconded by Diane Honor. The motion passed and the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:53 AM. As announced earlier by the Judges of Elections, the polls closed one-half hour later at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jerome G. Buescher, recorder for the Annual Meeting**



## Rector's Report - Rev. Joy Segal

Parochial Report Comparison	2009	2010	2011	2012
Average Sunday Attendance	82	81	80	71
Baptism	18	8	13	9
Weddings	2	4	4	6
Funerals	5	8	6	5
Pledged	52,783	45,000	41,762	37,016
Plate and Pledged Rec'd	64,813	67,210	58,949	56,288
Money from investments*	111,570	89,940	112,300	98,364
Other operating income**	77,812	86,311	97,051	108,895

\* Money from investments used for operations

\*\* Other operating income, including unrestricted gifts & restricted gifts used for operations - includes rental income and fund-raising income.

### A New Vision for Old Swedes Church

What the future holds for the Church in the twenty-first century continues to be a mystery. Perhaps it has been the same each time communities, societies, nations have moved through awakenings, shifts in knowledge, self awareness, identity, and come to new understandings of what it means to be who we say we are. Nonetheless, each time is personal to those who live in changing times. And each time is challenging in ways beyond prediction or perception.

Yet the Church, the Body of Christ in the world, has always managed to not only survive but, through fire and fear, doubt and discomfort, distress and reimagining itself within its surroundings, has managed to thrive. And so shall it ever be, we believe, until that great wakin' up morning!

So, Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church sits at this most challenging of times for churches everywhere. Attendance is down, pledging is down, financial stresses and strains abound, all sorts of liturgies have emerged - some ancient, some contemporary, and many combinations thereof. Church is definitely not what it has ever been before. But, for us the question is not so much "what happened?" or "what are we doing wrong?" but "what are we called to be in this time."

One thing is clear. The neighborhood church can no longer assume that it will survive simply because it is "the church." The value of a church in a neighborhood has changed as the needs of neighborhoods have changed. And so, there is no fixed paradigm, or model, for us to simply emulate in order to insure our continued existence. It is up to each of us, in our churches, in our neighborhoods, in our communities, to determine the value, even the need, of a church to take up space that might otherwise be used in ways deemed more valuable for the health of the community at large.

At Old Swedes we tend to rest on our history and assume that because we have this wonderful past, and because we have been here so very long, surely we will always be here. Not so. After over three hundred years we face a shift in community and societal values that is so different from previous eras that we, along with many churches, can see clearly that there may be a time when we will no longer be here. In other, and harsher, words - our very existence is up for grabs.

And yet, we have many ways open to us to change, to transform, into something that can continue to be the Body of Christ in the community yet functions as that Body in different ways than has been typical in past eras. What are these new ways in which we might see ourselves, our church, our calling, our mission, as of great import to the community within which we exist? And how do we begin to step out of our comfort zone (we know how to be church the "old" way) and encourage our brothers and sisters to join us on this new venture - when we don't even know where we're going? How will we tell the world who we are and what we have to offer? And how will we find out what it is the community around us values, needs, and honors?

We have a leg up here at Old Swedes. We have shared this beautiful space for a long time with those we call our Partners, or Affiliates. There are four major entities that I think it would do us well to consider as ways in which developing relationships might contribute to a wider understanding - both within and without the worship community - of the value of Old Swedes to the neighborhood.

NPS - The National Park Service owns and maintains the park setting lands within the walls that surround the property we own. They are great partners in this property and the staff at Old Swedes works on almost a daily basis to maintain good relationships with them. Much more relationship building, including members of the parish, will only insure a longer, healthier partnership.

QVNA - Queen Village Neighbors Association “strives to restore, preserve and improve the quality of life in this historic community.” A past president of QVNA termed Old Swedes “the anchor” of Queen Village. We have not cultivated this relationship at all until very recently, and that has been a mistake. This is an important place for us to be present and active as members of the community and no longer viewed as a separate entity that is not involved in the goals of the residents.

YCCA - Young Children’s Creative Arts is a pre-school that has leased space from us for twenty-five years. YCCA has an excellent reputation in the community. The income produced by this relationship has been crucial to our financial health, and continues to be necessary for us. We want to foster a relationship between Old Swedes and YCCA beyond Lessor/Lessee. A “YCCA Committee” from Old Swedes would be one possible way in which this relationship could grow in healthy ways that would benefit all involved.

SCI - Seamen’s Church Institute and Old Swedes have enjoyed a relationship for many years, though this relationship on the part of Old Swedes, has been specifically an outreach ministry. SCI has come to Old Swedes with a vision that would have them move onto our property and contribute in the building of a new facility, in order for both of us to minister to the needs of our constituent communities. The Vestry and the Board of SCI have been in discussions to think about what that would encompass. In this early stage, we will need to do intentional relationship building. Both Old Swedes and SCI, will need to share our understanding of individual and shared mission calling, and individual and shared ministries so that together we might flourish in new ways. Discussions with the Old Swedes' congregation and the Queen Village Neighbors Association will be scheduled.

We have other relationships that will need our vigilance in order that they also may grow with us and continue to be a part of not only who and what we have been in the past but who and what we are becoming for the future. These include The Lucia Fest folks, The Swedish Colonial Society, The Church of Sweden, The Norwegian Church, the Old Swedes Court Homeowners Association, the Independence Court Homeowners Association, and many others who have shared in our past and with whom we hope to move into a new future.

It is a new day in the life of the Church, and a new season for the mission and ministry at Old Swedes. We can approach this “newness” with fear and doubt, anger or disappointment. We can wish for a bygone era or we can embrace the days to come with confidence that we have been called to this time, to this place, to this day, to do God’s work in this place. Let us meet the days to come with faith, with hope, with joy, and with new vision for the future of the Body of Christ in this timeless, beautiful, historic place we call Old Swedes.

Peace,  
*Joy+*

### **Rector’s Warden Report - Jerome G. Buescher**

The month after last year’s annual meeting saw the end of the formal “Transforming Congregations” sessions. As one of the participants, I can tell you – that was hard work. Still, I thought it was worth the effort and I think other participants thought so too. The challenge facing us as a congregation, of course, is to find ways to implement what we learned. We implemented Bible Study on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM service and held sessions for about half a dozen Sundays. But we learned – that time slot of Sunday mornings is too crowded and people have too many other responsibilities. We’re still looking for ways to keep “Transforming” alive and functioning – and I think we have some plans for how to do that.

Bishop Turner visited us to baptize and confirm. In his visit with the vestry after the church services, he spoke firmly and clearly about the vestry’s responsibility to see that Gloria Dei paid careful, organized attention to evangelizing – spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. He suggested (actually, he did a bit of table thumping)

about the need to greet and engage visitors at every service. A vestry member took up that challenge and I'll say that we've made a start – but there's plenty more to do. We're working on it.

Our program year began again in September with our fifth “Welcome Back” dinner. Turnout was light but those of us who joined in had a great evening. Just to be sure their contributions are acknowledged, Diane Honor and Megan Bartlett did a fantastic job organizing and cooking for this event.

Sunday school resumed with its new “Godly Play” curriculum. And at some point I agreed to slice up 66 pieces of 2x4 and 1x4 to represent the 66 books of the canonical bible. Mike Phillips then took those pieces, painted them, and added the names of the books. And I can't leave out our Rector Joy, for whom no task is too trivial: she bought the lumber and delivered it to my house. The saffron robes of our neighborhood Buddhist monks are a common sight at the local Home Depot. Good to know that clerical collars are not unknown there either.

We embarked on the annual campaign to examine our gifts and let our gratitude for all our gifts determine how we can give back. Four parishioners spoke to us of how their faith and thankfulness, exercised at Gloria Dei, shaped their lives and guided their decisions. At the end of the four weeks, we celebrated our gratitude with a first-ever catered dinner and the Rev. Al Holland as dinner speaker. The question was raised then and I'll deal with it again now: the dinner was catered because one of the things we learned at Transforming Congregations was the importance of keeping Sabbath – finding some time on a regular basis where we clear our lives of the things we “always” do to make room to hear the Lord speaking. One of the things we “always” do at Gloria Dei is to prepare the dinners we share with the parish. This time, we let someone else do that so we could make space to hear.

It wouldn't be fall at Gloria Dei without beginning the preparation for Lucia Fest. The preparation was even more arduous and involved this year because 2012 was the 75th anniversary of Lucia Fest at Gloria Dei. That meant an extra event, a home-coming of sorts, for all the Lucia participants who could be found and enticed to create a sort of “old timers' presentation.” After a couple of false starts, that special event occurred right here at Gloria Dei. The “old timers” outdid themselves, especially (I think) the tomtes. And the famed catering skills of Gloria Dei came to the fore in the reception afterward – no sabbatical taken this time!

While all this celebration of our heritage was taking place, the vestry once again partook of the annual “Jacob wrestles with the angel” reenactment – setting a budget for the 2013 year. We wrestled with the usual constraints and difficulties. Joy was a great help in guiding us to stay the long-term course we embarked on last year, to maintain faith, and to be as bold as we dared in planning and implementing. We wrestled with the angel and didn't let him go until he had given us a blessing – a balanced budget for 2013.

Talking of the budget reminded me – Gloria Dei survived the passage of the storm Sandy with no damage – in large part because we've budgeted and spent funds to keep our huge trees in good shape and keep our wood-shingle roofs in good repair.

We did Lucia Fest, we did the 75 Anniversary of Lucia celebrations, we did Christmas – and without a breath or pause we embarked on providing a home for the combined congregation of Emanuel St. John whose building at 3rd and Reed Streets was closed by the diocese. We'd had some preliminary conversations about how we might embark on a joint effort as a combined Episcopalian and Lutheran congregation and thought we had until Eastertime to find some way forward. But the Lord God who determines everything thought the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th would be a good time to – not stop talking – but to start DOING while talking!

Emanuel joined us in their service at 8:00 AM on Sundays and we shared hospitality after their service and before our service. Some of us made a point of attending that 8:00 AM service and some of their congregation made a point of attending our 10:00 AM service (maybe the first time in all the years that a tambourine appeared in that service).

Ultimately, the Emanuel Lutheran congregation decided against a joint effort and they will leave us on the last Sunday of May 2013. But we offered ourselves and our heritage, we made ourselves vulnerable, we held ourselves out for the Spirit and the Spirit's wishes. The outcome never was in our hands, it was in the Spirit's hands. But we made ourselves available – and that makes me proud and happy to be a member of this congregation.

## Financial Report - David Hammond

The total projected budget for 2012, income vs expenses was within \$100 as adjustments were made to compensate for any unexpected circumstances. The new budget for 2013 was based upon the 2012 numbers with adjustments made for any expected differences. The Vestry will monitor the 2013 budget to ensure we remain within the projections.

While Gloria Dei is "living within our means," it should be pointed out that there is a \$34,000 drop in income from my previous terms as Accounting Warden. Total Congregational support is down \$12,000, Endowments down by \$26,000, Donations down by \$5,000. These are offset by increases in fund raising of \$15,000 and expense reductions in Diocesan Fair Share of \$12,000. I think it is important to note that the total remunerations paid to our staff has remained virtually flat over this time period based on zero, or minimal, salary increases and a reduction in hours worked by our administrator. This is a testament to the loyalty of our staff and must not go unrecognized.

The Vestry made a decision in 2012 to spend up to \$22,000 a year for three years, from the unrestricted endowment account #5033, to fund capital expenses maintaining our facilities and to fund a growth expense account to try and "grow the church." \$20,374 was spent on those two accounts. The Vestry made the same commitment for 2013.

Please note that the monthly budget is available for your review in the church office. If you have any questions or concerns I am available to address any issues you may have. Feel free to contact me before/after church services or via email at [gdavidhammond@aol.com](mailto:g davidhammond@aol.com).

Respectfully, David Hammond

### INCOME

03 - Regular Support		05 - Other Income	
Plate	6,000.00	Burial Site	200.00
Pledge	48000.00	Donations	
TOTAL 03 - Regular Support	54,000.00	Baptism	400.00
		Funeral Services	400.00
04 - Endowments		May I. Young FD	3,050.00
Aethon	350.00	Miscellaneous	0.00
Church F 064786	1,400.00	Societies - Organizations	1,700.00
Church F 064791	4,000.00	Wedding Services	4,000.00
Church F 064934	39,000.00	TOTAL Donations	9,550.00
Church F 065033	15,750.00	Fund Raiser	
Exelon	925.00	Flea Market	10,000.00
From Endowment Principal	20,980.00	Jazz n Joe	1,000.00
Phila Contributorship	72.00	Lucia	19,000.00
PNC 16-35-035-0464262	0.00	Misc	1,000.00
PNC 16-35-035-0617188	8,750.00	Other Book Sales	500.00
PNC 35-35-011-0617201	0.00	The Sexton SideShow	2,500.00
PNC 35-35-011-0617219	1,500.00	TOTAL Fund Raiser	34,000.00
Wachovia 1513091190	1,850.00	Memorials	
Wachovia 1519175748	8,500.00	Mass Cards	300.00
Wachovia 1519178585	12,750.00	TOTAL Memorials	300.00
TOTAL 04 - Endowments	115,827.00	Rentals	
		Riverside Hall	6,500.00
		Roak House	500.00
		YCCA - Kreative Kids	46,500.00
		TOTAL Rentals	53,500.00
		TOTAL 05 - Other Income	97,550.00
		TOTAL INCOME	263,609.00

EXPENSES

05 - Fund Raising		Bibles - Prayer Books	200.00
Flea Market	400.00	Church - Liturgical	600.00
Lucia	5,000.00	Deanery/Diocese	650.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	Flowers	300.00
Other Book Sales	500.00	Forward Movement Publications	150.00
The Sexton SideShow	350.00	Hospitality	1,000.00
TOTAL 05 - Fund Raising	6,500.00	Miscellaneous	650.00
		Pledge Envelopes	150.00
12 - Diocesan		Sunday School	1,000.00
Assessments	9,355.00	TOTAL General	6,960.00
Fair Share	4,000.00	Insurance	
TOTAL 12 - Diocesan	13,355.00	Comprehensive - Umbrella	9,000.00
		Work Comp	600.00
13 - Outreach from Operating Budget		TOTAL Insurance	9,600.00
Christmas Charities	1,000.00	Music Budget	
Guatemala Outreach	1,000.00	Music/Organ Maintenance	2,200.00
Guatemala Trip	800.00	Tsunami Productions	23,640.00
Youth Camp	500.00	TOTAL Music Budget	25,840.00
TOTAL 13 - Outreach from Op Budget	3,300.00	Office	
		Audit	2,200.00
14 - Operating Expenses		Bank Charge	220.00
Clergy Expenses		Computer supply	600.00
D. Joy Segal	1,200.00	Copier-Printing	1,000.00
Continuing Education	500.00	Envelopes	100.00
Telephone	1,600.00	Internet	1,500.00
TOTAL Clergy Expenses	3,300.00	Miscellaneous	300.00
Compensation		Paper	600.00
Benefits		Payroll Service	400.00
Segal Health	17,500.00	Postage	1,500.00
Segal Life & Disability	400.00	Telephone	1,500.00
Sexton Life & Disability	575.00	TOTAL Office	10,675.00
Sexton Medical/Dental Rider	3,000.00	Property Expenses	
TOTAL Benefits	21,475.00	Alarm	2,000.00
Pension		Lawn/Landscape Service	675.00
D. Joy Segal	14,750.00	Terminix	3,000.00
TOTAL Pension	14,750.00	Undesignated	5,000.00
Salary		TOTAL Property Expenses	10,675.00
D. Joy Segal	56,725.00	Sundries	
J Minacci	16,602.00	Food	150.00
P Minacci	18,300.00	Miscellaneous	300.00
Supply Clergy	1,000.00	Paper Products	1,300.00
Terry O'Brien	13,250.00	TOTAL Sundries	1,750.00
TOTAL Salary	105,877.00	Utilities	
Salary-Tax		U-Gas	
Medicare	750.00	1114501039 Rectory	3,200.00
Soc Sec	3,100.00	2114501047 Church	2,700.00
TOTAL Salary-Tax	3,850.00	3114501055 Riverside Hall	1,850.00
TOTAL Compensation	145,952.00	4114501063 Sexton House	1,100.00
General		5114501071 Roak House	4,300.00
Adult Education	500.00	TOTAL U-Gas	13,500.00
Advertising	750.00		
Association Memberships	360.00		
Baby Sitting	600.00		

U-PECO Energy	
34262-00609 Rectory	4,500.00
37355-01208 Church	1,200.00
40448-01504 Riverside Hall	1,900.00
43451-01700 Sexton House	2,200.00
49850-01702 Roak House	3,700.00
TOTAL U-PECO Energy	12,975.00
U-Water 012-75780-00904-xxx	
-003 Rectory	0.00
-005 Church	675.00
-Rk-S-Rside	2,900.00
TOTAL U-Water 012-75780-	3,575.00
TOTAL Utilities	30,225.00
TOTAL 14 - Operating Expenses	244,222.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 267,377.00

OVERALL TOTAL 0.00

GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT BUDGET  
and  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES combined

From Church Foundation #...5033 19,020.00

**Funds and Liabilities**

Account	Balance as of 12/31/2012	Liability Accounts	Balance as of 12/31/2012
CHECKING TD Bank	37,730.91	Archaeological Study	100.00
Discretionary Fund Checking	709.09	Book 300th	10,072.41
PNC - 16-35-035-0464262*	1,691,761.38	Capital Fund	1,439.39
PNC - 16-35-035-0617188	202,696.94	Century Walk	1,180.50
PNC - 35-35-001-0617201	19,119.92	Churchyard Renewal Project	4,719.36
PNC - 35-35-001-0617219	79,036.31	Green Fund	6,102.00
The Church Foundation - 064786	31,809.22	Historical Committee	2,192.65
The Church Foundation - 064791	93,671.05	Memorial Fund	263.62
The Church Foundation - 064934	919,666.66	New Fund	0.00
The Church Foundation - 065033	350,359.62	Sunday School Fund	0.00
Vanguard Money Market	4,451.24	Sunshine Fund	426.76
Vanguard Money Market Joint Acct	18,683.70	The Rhian Fund	0.00
Wachovia - 1513091190	117,103.07	Youth Group Fund	493.24
Wachovia - 1519175748	336,392.20	TOTAL Liability Accounts	26,989.93
Wachovia - 1519178585	368,316.19		

## Sunday School Report - Jill Duink

To experience *Godly Play*, you don't need to be a child.

We all play. We all explore, create, solve problems and learn with joy.

The *Godly Play* Sunday School curriculum “plays with the language of God and God’s people: our sacred stories, parables, liturgical actions and silences. Through this powerful language, through our wondering, through the community of players gathered together, we hear the deepest invitation of all: an invitation to come and play with God.”<sup>1</sup>

This year Gloria Dei’s Sunday School was transformed by *Godly Play*. With Julie Daye’s leadership, Sarah Eisenstein’s love of children, Jill’s creativity, Joy’s steadfast support, and with substantial expenditure (for all of those books and materials), our children are surrounded by the stories of Jesus and the church on Sunday mornings.

Our children learned about our church year, baptism, the history and stories of the Jewish people, the nativity (including real frankincense and myrrh), the parables of Jesus and life of Jesus, lent, and the experiences of the early church. Our children wonder and talk about the stories. Our children touch, share and expand the stories. We hope they make the stories their own.

Repeating from last year’s report - Why is Sunday School central to our mission at Gloria Dei?

- Jesus asks us to share our faith and understanding.
- Children have a simple, clear and beautiful faith. We learn from them.
- Our children are the future of the church.
- Children bring families to church.
- And, most important to me as a mom, I want my children to believe and to be Christ-like.

Although we struggle with uneven and sometimes sparse attendance, this year has been amazing. It is wonderful to see the children grow in friendship for each other and in trust as they share their thoughts and beliefs.

Next year, we invite you to share your experience, talents, and wisdom with the children. We look forward to knowing more of you through special visits to our classes. Those interested in joining the teachers or volunteering are always welcome. For the children, we look forward to deeper friendships, deeper wondering, and to deeper, growing relationships with God.

<sup>1</sup>Berryman, Jerome W, *Volume 1 How to Lead Godly Play Lessons, The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, 2002, 2006, by Jerome W. Berryman, page 12

## Property Committee Report - Rev. Joy Segal

As I say every year - “Property” is a big word at Gloria Dei. We have a lot of it, and it requires a lot of attention. Over the past few years we have managed to address quite a number of issues, and those that we cannot afford to remedy at the present we have identified and insured that matters will not get worse while we await funding.

This past year we saw the restoration of ten more gravestones in the graveyard. We have funds totaling \$4729.00 dedicated to this year’s restoration work, and we are doing fund raising right now to add to that total. We continue to have parishioners willing to do the hard work of tilling and planting, with occasional exciting “finds” as we dig out roots and plant new grass. This work will continue this summer. It is a labor of love, for sure, and one that reaps us great rewards. As our neighbors, the surrounding community, and our many visitors see how we tend our property with love and devotion the awareness of this sacred and special place becomes known to those who previously thought we were “just a museum.”

The vestry approved the use of funds this year from one of our unrestricted funds to address property issues as well as what we are calling “Growth and Transformation” opportunities. The use of these funds allowed us to complete many things we would otherwise not have been able to do. The list of items completed reflects this reality.

#### Property items completed since last Annual Meeting

- Roof and brick repair – church
- Tree maintenance – through the property
- Bush removal and new plantings
- Overhead fans installed in Riverside Hall
- Floor refinished in Riverside Hall
- Pew kneelers recovered
- Sexton House – 8 windows restored/replaced/repared/painted
- New Office computer
- New A/C unit for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of rectory
- Repair of Central A/C unit in rectory
- New sink in Ladies Room – Roak House
- Repair of east side of Riverside Hall brick and mortar
- New floor in Riverside Hall kitchen
- Many banners and sandwich boards

The Vestry has approved use of additional funds from the same unrestricted fund for use this year, allowing us to consider other items and issues.

#### Property items under consideration

- Rebuild brick piers adjacent to amphitheater
- Install light given to us by NPS
- Painting/Pointing – Rectory
- Pointing – Sexton’s House
- New chairs – Riverside Hall
- Paving – driveway, all or portions of parking lot
- Install new baseboard heat in center rooms, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and basement, of Roak House
- Leveling of brick pathways – incl. drainage system work as needed.
- Leveling of the Sexton House patio
- A/C Riverside Hall
- Larger Flatscreen for Riverside Hall
- Banners, sandwich boards

#### Property items to be addressed by NPS and YCCA

- Enclosed playground area south side of Roak House (YCCA expense): (approved by GD Vestry and NPS)
- Restoration of NPS sign on Columbus Blvd (completed 2012 by NPS)
- Current area where NPS dumps/chips tree debris (NPS Expense): (to be cleaned, leveled, and planted by Spring 2014)
- Cement and wrought iron repair – Water Street side north of gate (NPS expense) (NPS to complete this restoration this summer)

Liberty Tree and Landscape once again spent five days working on our trees in March this year, and this third year of professional care has added to the trim, clean, well-tended look of our property as well as assured us that safety issues caused by dead tree branches untended are no longer a worry for us.

We are still not financially ready to tackle the more expensive projects, but we now have our new Historic Gloria Dei Old Swedes Preservation Corporation 501(c)3 designation and we will soon be applying for grants to help with these – painting and pointing of the Rectory, pointing of the Sexton House, leveling of brick pathways and repair of drainage systems, complete repaving of the parking lot, leveling of the Sexton House patio, air conditioning of Riverside Hall.

Additionally, the possibility of Seamen’s Church Institute joining us on our property and together building a new space for all of us to do ministry will necessarily change some of these plans.

Meanwhile we will continue to rely on the great talent within our congregation and the wonderful offering of time, talent and treasure from so many volunteers.

Gloria Dei Church has been on this property, making a difference within the community, since 1677. Our conscious efforts to maintain it for future generations mirror the efforts of those who came before us and, hopefully, set an example for future generations who will discover in years to come the sacred space we call Gloria Dei.

### **History Committee Report - Jeanette Woehr**

The History Committee continues to work with the documents in our archives. Articles from the 1800's are being documented. Many requests for family genealogy research have been completed this year. Some of these requests require many hours of work.

We are also continuing the work in the graveyard combining the various maps and names. Some of these maps record the graves by numbers only. Another document numbered the graves and recorded the inscriptions on gravestones that were legible at the end of the 1800's. However, the numbers from these two documents do not match. A new map showing the tombstones currently in the graveyard has been drawn in the various sections in the yard. When we have completed this project, a map will show the picture of the tombstone along with the inscription. For the tombstones no longer there but are recorded on the 1800 list, just the inscription will be included. This will assist visitors as well as the many requests received regarding locating their ancestors burial location.

Are you interested in Gloria Dei's history? Are you interested in preserving the many artifacts entrusted to us from previous generations? If the answer is yes to these questions, please contact me at 856-261-3551 for meeting times to join us in preserving Gloria Dei's history.

### **Hospitality and the Gift of Fellowship - Peggy Buescher and Re Henning**

The Hospitality Committee thanks all the parishioners for their continued support of in making Gloria Dei a "place of welcome" for all our visitors on Sunday mornings.

Our reaching out to visitors in our midst has, of course, not only been a benefit to them - it has brought blessing to us as well. We've become closer - we've become more aware of our care for each other as we reached out. The smiles of appreciation for that "hot cup of coffee and cake" on those "cold winter days" cannot be duplicated.

This past year we had the opportunity of sharing the fellowship and opening our hearts to another congregation. It's been a blessing and a gift to witness the Gloria Dei family extend themselves as they have. It has truly been gratifying to see Christ working through so many.

I have always believed that it is in "giving that we receive." Our ministry is always open for new volunteers - anyone and everyone is welcome at any time.

A special thanks to Jerry Buescher for his wonderful "infamous fruit salad" and to Barb Turner for her tireless "helping hands" throughout the year ... Without both, the fellowship wouldn't have been the same.

Thank you once again from both of us and the visitors you've made welcome.

Love and peace,

## **Sextons' Report - Jim and Paula Minacci**

Good Day Gloria Dei!!

Thanks again for keeping us as your sextons for what is coming up on 14 years. We have been members since 1995 (18 year) and living here as your sextons since 2000 (13 years).

Cleaning is what we do most. We can also be seen raking leaves, fixing the pews, and painting walls, opening church, locking up, changing light bulbs, greeting visitors, setting up for events, finding solutions when there is a problem on site. If there are things we are not able to do we call the contractor who can. Establishing and keeping these relationships is also something we are involved in. Also working side by side with the National Park Service as either with the grounds crews or the park rangers!

Our Spring Flea is coming up soon, May 18th to be exact. (Last year our fleas totaled \$13,470.00.) We will be using Mobile Food Trucks for the first time which is exciting. Our role as parishioners will change from serving up food to unloading vendors and giving some relief to vendors who can't leave their spot ~ "take five" crew. Hope you can come out and be a part of the fun. We will see how this works with food trucks, if not, be ready to make chili, soup, and meatballs in the fall.

The fun that we have most being Sextons is Sexton Sideshows. This brings the communities of Queen Village, Society Hill, Pennsport and Bella Vista together to listen to local homegrown music and enjoy Gloria Dei as a beautiful venue. These events not only bring revenue to Gloria Dei but help build the community around our church.

Sexton Sideshow was a great success in 2012. We had 3 events ~ Memorial Day Family Picnic, Graveyard Boo-ga-loo", and 12/12/12 "Exile on Water St." The weather co-operated and we had great turnouts for each event. Sexton Sideshow raised \$5,891.00. Thanks to all our Sexton Sidekicks for all their help and support. (U know who you are!)

Looking forward to seeing you around the property.

Peace and love ... Peace and love.

## **Guatemala Committee Report - Heather Myers**

This year was a transition year for our two parishes. They were assigned a new priest. Padre Luis. Cuyún is a young, vibrant man with a wife and 3 children, all of whom are involved in parish life. He has many new ideas and projects he would like our help with. He has much better communication skills than former priests in this position. Thanks to Google translate we were able to get to know him and more about the welfare of the parishes. We are very encouraged by his energy and vision. We look forward to building a relationship.

Medical care was continued this year, and scholarship assistance was provided from January through October. We were unable to make our budget which meant that the scholarship program was funded for half their school year.

We planned a trip for this year, scheduled for early April. 9 people from our parish and 2 others from the dioceses are headed back to visit our 2 parishes. We plan to paint and do some roofing work. From there we are going to spend some time in San Lucas Toliman which is located on Lake Atitlan. Some of us worked there on our last visit and are looking forward to returning.

Once again the church table at the flea market proved to a huge success. We are very grateful for the donations. While out there we spend time talking about the Guatemala mission work we are passionate about and the church to all who will listen. And we sell, sell, sell to raise necessary funds to continue this worthwhile cause.

We have been in relations with La Ascension and La Annunciation for a long while. Thank you for your continued support, without you we would be unable to make a difference.

They pray for us, we pray for them. Good work has come out of this relationship and we look forward to continuing to help in any way we can.

## **Music - Paul Fejko**

The Organ played, Singers sang and Ringers Rang!

There was new music created by Megan and Fej for Christmas and Easter.

We have a new Piano in the RiverSide Hall!

Let the Joyful Noise Continue!

## **Inreach Ministry**

Many mostly “invisible” folks at Gloria Dei serve our sick, elderly, and homebound parishioners with little or no fanfare. They prefer this, but it would not be helpful to the congregation if it were not made known. And so we salute those who write cards, make phone calls, visit, take Communion, and keep in touch with those in our parish family who cannot be with us but are still a part of who we are. Blessings to all of you – you know who you are – for this important ministry of pastoral care.

## **Food Ministry**

During the last year some members of Gloria Dei gave of their time and talent as they volunteered at the St. John's/Emanuel Food Pantry. Many were fed and comforted by their dedicated presence. Old relationship with folks they'd known for years were renewed and new relationships were made with the volunteers from St. John's/Emanuel. We have a real desire to be involved in a Food Ministry program here at Gloria Dei but just do not have the space. This allowed us to contribute to the needs of the community as well as to be present outside our walls. Blessings to all who worked in this mission field this past year.

## **Tutoring**

Some of us offered of our time and talent this past year by tutoring children at St. James School in the East Falls area of the city. This was such a satisfying way to serve the needs of the children attending that school as well as support the wonderful work being done by St. James School. This year we are hoping that we will raise up volunteers to serve at our neighborhood elementary school, Nebingers, in similar ways. The funds for public schools continues to dwindle and we know that the health and growth of urban neighborhoods is dependent to a great extent on the quality of its elementary schools. Hopefully this will be a way in which we will serve outside our walls this year.

## **Liturgy Committee**

This was a very productive and highly educational year for the Liturgy Committee. Responsible for helping the rector design the liturgy through the seasons of the church year, the committee had many who “tried out” this ministry this year. Each season offers a new way to understand the message of the Gospel and opens the eyes and ears, and hopefully hearts and minds, of those who come to worship with us as they hear new prayers, old hymns, creeds from around the world, and words of worship and commitment that awaken us to rejoice as we worship together, friend and stranger, relative and newcomer, seeker and greeter. Thanks to those who helped to make our common worship experience such a joy this year.

## **Altar Guild - Candace Roberts**

I would like to thank the members of the Altar Guild for their service to the Gloria Dei congregation this year and for many years past.

Jeanette Woehr, Dolores Collins, Marge Lord, Dolores Kromchad, Rita West, Peggy Buescher, and Barbara Potts

We welcome anyone who wishes to serve in this ministry

## **Capital Campaign Update - Candace Roberts**

The 501(c)3 was approved in 2012. We are building the Board of Directors.

Current Directors include:

OFFICERS: Candace Roberts, Chair; Marilyn Johnson, Vice Chair; Mark Roberts, Treasurer

TRUSTEES: Ann Blackstone, Peggy Buescher, Jim Minacci, Cathy Ufheil, Jeanette Woehr,

*ex officio*: Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

We will be meeting 6x per year in person, and 4x per year by teleconference. All Board members will be expected to donate at least \$100 per year to the Foundation in support of the mission. The anticipated time commitment is approximately 25 hours per year. If you have an interest in joining this Board, please contact Candy at 215-592-6590 or croberts@quaantum-think.com.



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')  
Preservation Corporation

## **Thank You to the Staff - Joy Segal**

We cannot say enough about our incredible, amazing, hard-working, dedicated staff. But we need to say THANK YOU loudly and often to Jim and Paula Minacci, Terry O'Brien, and Paul Fejko for the wonderful way in which they help us, guide us, protect us, and serve us throughout the year. Without them we would be so much less. They are the face and voice and often first impression of Gloria Dei. They are invaluable and we thank them and love them and give thanks for their presence with us. Blessings to all of you.

## **Questions - All**

## **Election Announcement - Judges of Election**

## **Adjournment - Joy Segal**



