

Tennessee Association of Episcopal Schools 2008

The annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Episcopal Schools (TAES) was held on Friday, September 19th on the campus of St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis. The meeting was hosted by Marlene Shaw, Head of School. Those in attendance were the following:

Marlene Shaw, Head of School, St. Mary's Episcopal School (Memphis)
Jane Williams, Chaplain, St. Mary's Episcopal School (Memphis)
Tom Beazley, Headmaster, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School (Memphis)
The Rev. John Thomas, Head of School, St. Andrew's-Sewanee
Jay Secor, Headmaster, Episcopal School of Knoxville
Peter Klekamp, Assistant Headmaster, Episcopal School of Knoxville
Mark Fallo, Head of School, St. Nicholas School (Chattanooga)

After brief introductions and sharing, the business part of the meeting was held. The past minutes were approved along with the presentation of our treasurer's report.

The group enjoyed a discussion on how our Episcopal identity is manifested in each of our schools. Examples from individual schools were shared, as well as ideas related to using resources from the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) to further strengthen and define our identity.

An election of TAES officers for 2008-09 followed:

Mark Fallo: Chair
The Rev. John Thomas: Vice-Chair
Tom Beazley: Treasurer
Kathy Lanza: Secretary

Next year's meeting will be held at St. Andrew's-Sewanee on Friday, September 18, 2009.

It has been our custom to award up to three grants of \$500 for community outreach to our member schools. Recently, the Executive Committee of TAES awarded St. Nicholas School a community service grant. St. Nicholas School is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year by raising money to assist in the establishment of a new preschool in Campbell County, Tenn., called the Maple Tree Children's Center. The money will be used to purchase playground equipment, specifically small items such as free-standing spring riders. St. Martin's Preschool in Chattanooga has also collected many "inside the classroom" items for the same preschool, so it truly is a community effort organized by The Diocese of East Tennessee.