

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2015**

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order in the nave by Fr. Baldwin at 12:50 p.m. He led a prayer to open the meeting.

**Quorum/Attendance**

Although a quorum is no longer necessary, a motion was made to establish a quorum. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. There were 72 people in attendance.

**Appointment of Clerk and Parliamentarian**

Fr. Baldwin asked for a motion to appoint Jerry Hanson as Parliamentarian and Maria Thompson as clerk. The motion was made and seconded, and passed by unanimous vote.

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting**

Fr. Baldwin asked for comments regarding the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Glenna Kleinkauf made a motion to amend the Music section under 'Budget Cuts' to say "Cuts in music amounted to a total of \$6,000 from the 10:30 and 6:00 services, and were the result of cutting a choir director and paid section leaders at each service."

Glenna Kleinkauf made a motion to approve the minutes. Glen Davis seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Nominations**

Vestry

The Nominating Committee was made up of three outgoing vestry members: Proctor Crow, Dave Griffin and Pat Kehde. Steve King chose to stand for re-election, so did not serve on the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for seats on the vestry: Nora Clark, Steve King, Bruce Scoular and David Severance.

Fr. Baldwin asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made to close nominations to the vestry. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Endowment Board

One person was nominated to fill one open position on the Endowment Board: Bill McGillivray.

A motion was made to elect Bill to the Endowment Board by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

**Rector's Address**

Fr. Baldwin genuinely enjoys being at Trinity, a loving, seeking, caring community. He appreciates all that the congregation does to support his ministry, as well as all the others in the church. Over the last four years he has seen Trinity tackle two extraordinary things:

- 1) The work that has been done to increase the responsibility for our financial stewardship – Our finances have gotten better every year, and our budgets have been credible and realistic in relation to the available resources.

- 2) The unexpected replacement of the organ – All repairs from the lightning strike are done, including the damage to the organ and other systems in the building, and a lightning suppression system has been installed. He is not worried about the resulting debt, but the anxiety in the congregation because of that debt is a concern. The vestry is working to find ways to pay down the debt as soon as possible.

There are additional, more “everyday” challenges:

- 1) Evangelism – We have a responsibility to portray Christianity as its true self. It’s our Christ-mandated call to spread the Word. As a parish, we need to be very intentional about welcoming people into the ministries of this church.
- 2) Stewardship – More than just money, stewardship includes the use of all of our God-given gifts for the betterment of the world. Trinity has strong lay leaders who have shared their time and talents, including some who took risks to create something new.
- 3) Christian formation – When the vestry conducted some “cottage visits” to learn what was on the minds of parishioners, Christian formation continuously came up as an issue. We need to look beyond the regular worship services, and it will require strong lay leaders to create programs and opportunities for teaching and learning.

Fr. Baldwin thanked all of the staff, noting that Trinity has the best staff of any parish in the diocese: Marilyn Bean, Parish Administrator; Tyler Kerr, Youth Director; Doug Lawrence, Music Director; Susan Ralston, Director of Children’s Music, who retired from that role at the end of 2014; Mark Stotler, Organist; Deacons Dick Tracy, Rita Tracy and Steve Segebrecht; Mtr. Susan Terry, Assistant Rector.

He expressed thanks and appreciation to our outgoing vestry members for their work over the last few years. He also thanked Lindy Eakin, who will remain on the vestry, but will no longer be serving as Senior Warden.

He has been serving as the interim chaplain at Bishop Seabury Academy, and is very happy to be ministering to them.

Fr. Rob has been asked by the bishop to serve as Dean of the Northeast Convocation, and he’s excited to be serving at the regional level.

### **2015 Budget**

Bill Benso discussed the budget for 2015. He noted that not all pledges that had been made for 2014 had been paid. The 2015 budget was not finalized until all expected pledges were received. This enabled the Finance Committee and Vestry to create a more realistic financial plan.

Austin Turney expressed concern about the cut to the Library budget, noting that we have a great library and it needs to be kept up.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk