

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2017

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order in the nave by Fr. Baldwin at 1:00 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.

Appointment of Clerk and Parliamentarian

Fr. Baldwin appointed Garth Burns as Parliamentarian and Maria Thompson as Clerk.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

Fr. Baldwin asked for comments regarding the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. There were none.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee was made up of the four outgoing vestry members: Terry Mandle (Committee Chair), Brenda Clary, Glenna Kleinkauf and Marilyn Russell. Fr. Baldwin offered thanks to them for their service.

Vestry

Nominees for seats on the vestry: Heather Eichman, Kim Mandle, Allison Marker, Katherine McGillivray, and Brenda Clary.

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.

Ballots were handed out, then taken to be counted. Following the rector's address, the results were announced. The new Vestry members for 2017 are Kim Mandle, Allison Marker, Katherine McGillivray, and Brenda Clary.

Endowment Board

Don Hatton was nominated to fill one open three-year term on the Endowment Board. Fr. Baldwin asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

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

Diocesan Delegates

Carl Edwards, Donna Griffin, Andrew Hoyt, Nancy Kelly, and Glenna Kleinkauf were nominated to fill three open Delegate positions. Fr. Baldwin asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

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Personal Privilege – Margaret Brack

Margaret Brack came to Trinity from Wisconsin, where she had been participating in the ordination process at Nashota House. She had hoped to be ordained in the Diocese of Kansas, but changed her plans once Bishop Wolfe announced he would be leaving. She thanked Trinity, saying that she had made many friends here, and that we are a great example of what churches should be doing.

Budget

We ended 2016 in fairly good shape; all bills were paid.

For 2017 we will have three new expenditures:

- 1) Health insurance for Parish Administrator Sheryl Poole
- 2) Health insurance for Fr. Baldwin
- 3) Increased apportionment - two years ago we were over-assessed by the diocese. In 2016 our apportionment was smaller because the overage we paid was credited back to us. In 2017 we will be apportioned as usual.

These increases will result in a deficit budget, with a shortfall of approximately \$25,000. The Vestry and staff are committed to keeping expenses as low as possible, but we will need to look for new money. This will most likely need to come from current members increasing their pledges and new members pledging for the first time.

The number of pledges for 2017 increased, but the total amount pledged is similar to 2016, mostly because our most generous donors have passed away. We have 120 pledging units, and the average pledge was \$1,200.

Debt

The remaining debt from the previous building project has been combined with the debt for the organ and lightning suppression system, for a total of approximately \$99,000. The money raised so far to service this debt isn't enough, so the Vestry will be looking into options, including fund raisers and a capital campaign. If we have to take a loan from our Endowment Board, it will be the first money to be paid back.

Rector's Address

The Christian Church continues to have a role in our society because it seeks to model God's will in a time when there is much divisiveness. We exemplify a better way, and are dedicated to making the world a better place. At Trinity we've worked to find a shared mission to make the world a safer place by opening our doors on days when people needed solace because of events beyond our control. Many things are going well here, and we are a healthy and vibrant parish.

We do still have some areas that could be strengthened.

- Pastoral Care: We need a care ministry that is larger than just the clergy. In 2017 we would like to put together a group of parishioners who would help with pastoral care, including going out to serve with other groups, such as Family Promise and Willow. The goal would be to get 70 people to participate, as Jesus sent 70 people into the world. Fr. Baldwin is in conversation with the diocese and others about setting up a program and seeing what grows out of it in regard to outreach and pastoral care. He suggested that parishioners ask themselves how they can participate in such a ministry.
- By-Laws: Our by-laws need some revision to clarify a few items.

Fr. Baldwin is very grateful to be our rector. He works with very supportive volunteers and has the best staff, which makes Trinity a great place to work. He thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their work. He also thanked Treasurer Bill Benso, a true voice of wisdom and confidence. Bill would like to transition out of this role, but will stay on until someone else steps up.

A parishioner thanked Fr. Rob and all who have served Trinity in the past year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk