

Minutes of Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 31, 2016
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Annual Meeting

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order in the nave by the Very Rev. Rob Baldwin at 12:30 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 asked for a motion to appoint Garth Burns as Parliamentarian and Maria Thompson as clerk. The motion was made by Glenna Kleinkauf. It was seconded, and passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

Fr. Baldwin asked for comments regarding the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. There were none.

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

Nominations

Vestry

The Nominating Committee was made up of three outgoing vestry members: John Bullock, Lindy Eakin and Rodney Olson. Fr. Baldwin offered thanks to them for their service.

Nominees for seats on the vestry: Katie Bieker, Glen Davis, Andrew Hoyt, Sandy Jacquot, Dusty McCoy, and Chuck Olcese.

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 by Deacon Steve Segebrecht and office staff. Following the rector's address, the results were announced. The new Vestry members for 2016 will be Katie Bieker, Andrew Hoyt, Dusty McCoy and Chuck Olcese.

Endowment Board

Connie Price and Tod Sutton were nominated to fill two open positions on the Endowment Board. Fr. Baldwin asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

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

Convention Delegates

Carl Edwards, Nancy Kelly and Marilyn Russell were nominated to fill three open Delegate positions. Fr. Baldwin asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion was made to elect Carl, Nancy and Marilyn to serve as Convention Delegates by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Rector's Address

The Very Rev. Rob Baldwin thanked the staff:

- The Rev Susan Terry, assistant rector, has been very involved with children's and family programming, and those programs are going well.
- Deacons Dick and Rita Tracy have retired, but continue to minister to those who are ill or otherwise in need.
- Deacon Steve Segebrecht continues to serve at the 6:30 p.m. service, and fills in at the earlier services as well.
- Sheryl Poole maintains the day-to-day operations in the office and manages the volunteer staff there.
- Sarah Johnson has cut back the number of hours she works, but continues to help with communications.
- Jenn Holloway has been working on our financial records.
- Doug Lawrence is our Music Director.
- Caroline Abrahamson is the Director of Children's Music.
- Mark Stotler is our organist.
- Tyler Kerr has been our Youth Director, but will be stepping down when he graduates in May.
- Diane Leming is our Sexton.

The Work of the Church

Changes in the church bring challenges, but allow us to continue growing. There are two philosophies in Trinity's culture, both of which are false:

- 1) Volunteers can do everything that needs to be done.
- 2) Staff will handle all of the ministry of the church.

Trinity is of a size that requires both volunteers and staff to work in ministry. There is great energy here, and the things we do well are the ones in which volunteers and staff work together, such as music, outreach and children's

programs. There is a lot of work to do, and we need to continually grow the volunteer base. Every parishioner should be thinking about how to get involved. We have gotten better about welcoming new people, but we now need to encourage them to become engaged in the life of the parish.

2016 Mission Plan/Budget

There are no major changes from the 2015 plan.

- Financial resources have been increased in areas where they can do the most good, such as children's ministry.
- We had taken out a loan for the organ, electrical systems and a lightning suppression system, as well as the outstanding debt for the improvements to the parish hall and basement that had been done earlier.
 - o To date, we owe \$160,973.51.
 - o We make monthly payments of \$4,630.18 to pay back the loan.
 - o With \$47,367.48 in the bank, we anticipate running out of money to service the debt in October 2016.

Work of the Vestry

The Vestry has been working on four main projects over the past year:

- 1) Debt service
- 2) Ideas for welcoming newcomers
- 3) Basement renovation
- 4) Stewardship

Figuring out how to deal with our financial situation will be one of the biggest jobs for the Vestry in 2016.

Areas Where We Should be Growing

- 1) Campus ministry – we need to connect with KU, Haskell and Baker.
- 2) Refugees – Episcopal Migrant Ministries has approached Fr. Baldwin about Trinity parishioners helping to support their ministry and work as advocates for refugees in this state.
- 3) Maintenance of church property – This includes everything from the building and grounds to linens and acolyte robes. We need to keep Trinity warm and inviting, and should be on the lookout for problems that need to be solved before they worsen.

Thank You

Fr. Baldwin is thankful to be here, receiving support, patience and forgiveness from this parish every day. He looks forward to continuing to work with the congregation in seeking to do the will of God in the world as we move forward.

Jerry Hare addressed the congregation, saying that we are fortunate to have Fr. Baldwin as our rector.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk