

## GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2017

**Opening Prayer and Welcoming Remarks:** Father Matt led us in prayer for the parish and for the church parish meeting. He expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that has been done this past year, for the vestry and for attendance at the annual meeting.

**Call to order:** Father Matt called the meeting to order at 11:50 am.

**Recognition of Quorum:** The clerk reported that there was a quorum.

**Election of New Vestry Members and Warden:** Father Matt asked if there were any other nominations for the vestry. He announced the names of the nominees: Kyle Van De Water, Nanci Kryzak, Kristin Martin, John Lacey (2<sup>nd</sup> term), and Barbara Rudy as Warden. All approved unanimously. Barbara, Kyle, John, Nanci and Kristin each introduced themselves.

**Recognition of Vestry Members Leaving:** Father Matt recognized Jean Hayes, Lyn Kasin, and Cathy Shanks for their service on the vestry and Bill Hogan for his service as a warden. Father Matt pointed out that Cathy Shanks although leaving the vestry would continue her treasurer duties.

**Reception of Ministry Reports:** Father Matt noted that a booklet containing the Ministry Reports has been handed out at the beginning of the meeting and that everyone should read the reports at their leisure for complete details. The packet includes the Rector's Report, Warden's Report, Treasurer's Report, Finance Committee Report, Altar Guild Report, Buildings & Grounds Report, EPIC Report, Fundraising Report, Food of Life Report, Gracie's Attic Report, Latino Outreach Report, Millbrook Community Pre School Report, Music Report, Parish Nurse Report, Prayer Shawl Ministry Report, Stewardship Committee Annual Report, Sunday School Report, Women of Grace Report, and the Youth Group Report.

**Budget Presentation:** Cathy Shanks noted that for a little church, we are able to accomplish a tremendous amount throughout the community. She referenced the documents in the annual meeting report as she spoke, noting that she and David Swift have worked hard throughout the year on the budget and the 2016 expenses have stayed in check. If anyone has questions or concerns they can stop by to see her at work or send her an email. Larry Graham thanked the Finance Committee (Barney Calame, Lynn Kasin, Kurt Barnes, Richard Lucal, Kathy Shanks and David Swift) for their work throughout the year and in developing the 2017 budget. Barry Calame will be stepping down from the Finance Committee because Kathryn Calame had joined the Vestry in 2016 and to avoid conflict. Larry pointed out that we needed to access our reserves this past year in the amount of \$20,000, but we do not anticipate having to do the same in 2017. We currently have approximately \$500,000 in reserves. Father Matt then summarized the budget documents. Katherine Mustello asked for clarification of the increases in the categories of Program Income, Children/Family/Youth Expenses, and Adult Program Expenses. Father Matt referred to Page 6 of the report for a complete breakdown of expenses and noted that there is money available for a possible mission trip.

**Stewardship Report:** Linda Hogan reported that she would be stepping down as Chair. She asked that folks consider volunteering for this important ministry.

**Evelyn Garzetta** spoke about the Renewal Works survey that has been sent to all parishioners. She asked that everyone 16 years or older please take the online Spiritual Life Inventory. The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. The deadline is February 19, 2017.

**Jean Hayes** thanked everyone for bringing food for today's Annual Meeting and said a special thank you to Betty Rae and Stan Nittiskie for their help setting up the room. Jean also noted that the Altar Guild only has three people and volunteers are needed for both services.

**Wardens' Report:** Bill noted his appreciation of the vestry and the many volunteers. He expressed appreciation for those leaving the vestry and for the newly elected members.

**Blessing and Dismissal:** Father Matt ended the meeting with prayer and blessing of the food. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Submitted by Pamela Freeman, clerk