

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Sunday, February 3, 2019, 10:00 am**

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Dixon Kinser, Rector.

Reverend Kinser asked Dee Ann Robbs to serve as secretary of the of the 2019 Parish Meeting. Winborne Chandler made a motion to elect Dee Ann as secretary and the motion was seconded by Carolyn Duckett. Dee Ann was elected by acclamation.

Dixon then asked for a motion to accept the 2018 meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Lyons Gray and seconded by Jim Buck. The motion was approved.

Rev. Kinser explained the process for selection of new vestry members and prayed for God's influence and our discernment. He thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve and reminded the congregation that this is not an election but a discernment. He then asked the candidates to stand. The candidates: Scott Adams, Kristie Blanco, Laura Edmundson, Romey Fisher, DD Hellebush, Chip Morgan, Elizabeth Repetti and Gray Smith all stood and were recognized by the parishioners with applause. Rev. Kinser then led the congregation in a prayer for guidance in the election.

## **FIRST VESTRY BALLOT**

The first ballot was distributed by the tellers who then collected them along with the attendance sheets.

## **RECOGNITION OF VESTRY MEMBERS**

Rev. Kinser then thanked all the members of the vestry, for their tireless service and leadership to the church. He presented retiring members, Allan Burrows, Janice Bennett, Mike Ryan and Emily Smith with gifts and the gratitude of the parish for their 3 years of service. Returning members are Christine Storch, Brian Patterson, Tom Connors and Henri Brown, Bill Orr, Richard Rogers, Emily Shute and Liz Vaughn. All were recognized with the applause of the congregation.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Taylor Adams, parish treasurer, thanked the members of the finance committee, Scott Cawood, Carol Davis, Stewart Holmes, Dan Falken, Andrew Halverson, DD Hellebush, Erin Plumb, Marty Brown, Crawford Pike, Carter Smith and Julie Williams for their service.

He reported that the outcome of the parish audit was positive and as expected.

Our revenue is at 97% of planned with pledges and non-pledge gifts. Expenses were 3% higher than planned largely due to new staff positions and increased insurance costs. We experienced a decrease in total assets due to a draw down on investments. The 2019 budget includes a 2% increase. The Share Joy pledge campaign is at 98%. The Treasurer for the coming year is Carter Smith. The committee is currently looking for additional members. He asked those interested to contact Jim McDowell. Taylor answered a question from the congregation concerning the funds St Paul's sends to the diocese each year, \$250,000.

## **JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT**

Tom Connors reported that he attended a conference on church safety and security last year and learned that there were 92 deadly force incidents a year in places of worship. These are often related to domestic issues. Large churches are more vulnerable as are Episcopal churches due to our more liberal stands on social issues. A safety and security committee here at St Paul's was established and has completed a survey of the campus to identify problems. We are currently addressing those problems with speed bumps, signage, etc.

Major projects of the past year include: replacement of our chillers, sealed and restriped parking lots, landscaping plans are in place and approved to be installed after our construction projects.

In the upcoming year our projects will include the 875 building renovation, the Nave project and safety and security improvements. We will have 900,000 square feet to maintain at that point. He urged the parishioners to be understanding and patient during the construction projects.

### SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Allan Burrows reported that the state of our union is strong! We can be confident moving into the future as we are financially strong, our ministries are growing and our spaces are well cared for. He thanked our clergy and staff for having us in this situation.

The vestry hopes to see this growth continue as we launch today our \$10,000,000 capital campaign for Restoration and Renewal projects. First Citizens Bank has extended 2 lines of credit to the church at very favorable terms. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to oversee these lines of credit.

He offered this timeline for the projects:

**-875 Building** IL Long Construction will begin the project in February 2019 and it is scheduled to be complete in September, 2019. An ad-hoc committee is in place to oversee this project.

**-Nave Repairs Christman** will oversee the project beginning in March 2019 and it is scheduled to be complete early in 2020. An ad-hoc committee is in place to oversee this project.

**-Dalton Gardens and Carriage House** This project will be scheduled later.

Parishioners can expect emails and letters to inform them of progress on these projects. Efforts will be made to decrease any negative impacts during the construction.

Allan announced the chairs of the ReNewal Campaign, Charlotte and David Boughton.

### FIRST VESTRY BALLOT RESULTS

Rev. Kinser announced that we have a certified quorum. He then announced that elected on the first ballot were: Scott Adams, Laura Edmundson and Gray Smith. A run off will be necessary for the final vestry member.

Ballots were distributed and the congregation was instructed to vote for either DD Hellebush or Chip Morgan.

### RENEWAL CAMPAIGN: INSIDE AND OUT

Charlotte and David Boughton reported that this is the first major capital campaign in more than 15 years. The study of our facilities and planning for this campaign has been going on for the past 2 years. The Goal of this campaign is \$10,000,000 with 100% participation parish wide. The timeline of the campaign will be 11/2018-9/2019.

The Boughton's offered their thanks to the volunteer cabinet of the campaign who have been working since November. They announced that as of today we are at 75% of our goal. A video was then shared with the congregation.

### RECTORS REPORT

Reverend Kinser reported that renewal is the theme of the day, both physical and spiritual. He charged everyone to say YES! Recognize the renewal in each of our lives and say YES. Receive that renewal and say YES to God's love.

### SECOND VESTRY BALLOT RESULTS

Dixon announced that DD Hellebush was elected on the second ballot. He again thanked all the candidates who were willing to serve and prayed for the new vestry.

Dixon adjourned the Annual Meeting at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Ann Robbs