

Christ Episcopal Church Annual Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2016

Call to Order

Catherine Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Anna Doherty offered an opening prayer.

Present: Senior Warden Catherine Harrington, Junior Warden James Elam, Treasurer David Waletzko, Rector Anna Doherty, Vestry Clerk Phil Vander Haar, various elected vestry members and members of the congregation.

Opening Remarks

Retiring Senior Warden Catherine Harrington discussed the pleasure she had serving as Senior Warden. She encouraged others to volunteer at Church and suggested that they would find it rewarding.

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer

David Waletzko was appointed as Treasurer and Phi Vander Haar was appointed as Clerk.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 2016 Annual meeting were presented to the parish and approved by acclamation.

Articles of Incorporation

Vestry member Mike Johnson discussed the work that was done to update the parish's Articles of Incorporation. The current articles go back to 1856, which was during territorial times. They reference the name of the parish and specify a time for an annual meeting.

The Vestry has approved an updated Article of Incorporation. The name has been updated to say Christ Episcopal Church. Language was added that made it clear that the rector can vote at Vestry meetings. This is consistent with the canons but it was unclear in the current articles.

Parish members had several questions about the change.

- Does the name change effect how our checks need to be made out? The answer is no.
- Do we have any thoughts about updating our logo? Catherine Harrington commented that this was not in the current scope but that it is being considered.

Teresa Shaw moved that the new Articles of Incorporation be adopted. Paul Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Update to the bylaws

Mike Johnson also presented updates to the bylaws that reflect name change and rector's ability to vote. A question from the audience was whether this was a change in practice or if was just putting into words what we have already been doing. The answer was that this does not represent a change to our current practices.

An additional question was posed as to whether or not there is still an Executive Committee. The answer is "yes" but that it is now called the Rector's Roundtable. It consists of the rector

and the two wardens. The Rector's Roundtable's primary purpose is to put together the agenda for the Vestry meeting.

A motion to approve the new bylaws was made by Jan Pereyra and seconded by Paul Fisher. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Election of Wardens

James Elam was placed in nomination to be Senior Warden and Sue Bertrand for Junior Warden. These are both one-year terms.

A question was asked whether we are going to continue the practice of having the Junior Warden succeed to the position of Senior Warden. It was confirmed that this has been our practice but that it is not in the bylaws so it does not have to be done this way.

A motion to elect James Elam as Senior Warden and Sue Bertrand as Junior Warden was made by Matt Kuhn and seconded by Teresa Shaw. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Election of Vestry Members

James Elam recognized departing Vestry members Matt Stiles, Jane Pederson, Laura Niederhofer and Senior Warden Catherine Harrington

Pat Jennings, Rob Keech and Kristen Wilson were submitted for nomination to a three year Vestry term.

Denny Davis moved the election of the nominated candidates. The motion was seconded by Paul Fisher and passed by acclamation.

James Elam also asked existing vestry members to stand and be recognized.

Stewardship Report

David Waletzko presented a review of the stewardship results that were provided in the annual meeting booklet. One question was raised about an apparent decline in pledge units. It was acknowledged that there was some decline after Rector Ernie Ashcroft retired. While this year is down slightly from last year there are still pledges outstanding and if they come in we will have the same total as last year.

Financial Results

David Waletzko reviewed the 2016 financial results and the 2017 budget. The details are in the annual report.

Dave noted that we had a surplus last year. This was largely because we had savings on staff due to the vacancies in the Rector and the Children and Youth Ministries position for part of the year.

Dave highlighted some of the major changes to the 2017 budget.

- Additional funding was made to the new member recruitment effort.
- A capital reserve fund was established.

- The positions for the Rector and the Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator were funded for the entire year.
- We increased the hours for our parish secretary.
- The Episcopal MMS has gone down from last year.

There was a question about the contingency fund for Pastor Anna. Currently, Pastor Anna gets her insurance through her husband. We have budgeted funds to pay some of the cost of her insurance should her circumstances change. However, if this not needed for insurance it will be paid out as a bonus

Additionally, Dave reported that the Vestry approved the establishment of a \$31,000 capital reserve fund. In 2017 we are budgeting to contribute \$1,500 to the reserve fund.

There was a question about the Balance Sheet, which was not included in the annual report. Dave committed to supply a Balance Sheet at future annual meetings.

There was a question as to whether or not the financial statements should be published on the web site. There was some concern about whether to publish the financials. The Vestry will consider the best way to communicate financial information.

Catherine Harrington commented that we expect to contribute to the new facility that the Woodbury Food Shelf is building. Our commitment is to raise \$10,000 over two years.

Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was offered by Pastor Anna.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:41.