

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2023

The Annual Meeting started at 10:48 a.m. with remarks by Mother Stephanie followed by a prayer and solo by Mark Williams.

The 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented. Bill Hurd made a motion that was seconded by Linda Schneider to approve these minutes. The motion passed.

Mother Stephanie recognized the vestry and thanked them for their service. Mark Williams and Ramona Curtis are members rotating off the vestry. John Harwell was recognized and thanked for his many years of service as treasurer. Ministry leaders, staff and volunteers were also thanked for their service. As we go forward this New Year, we must remember that God is here with us and that there are many opportunities as we determine post COVID who we are now and what is our capacity to love.

Mark Williams presented the two candidates recommended by the outgoing vestry members. Ruth Harris and Julie Koch were elected by acclamation and will serve a three year term.

Mother Stephanie announced that Joe Fesperman will serve as the Sr. Warden, Doug Merritt will serve as the Jr. Warden and Drew Mayberry will serve as the Treasurer.

Mark Williams talked about opportunities to serve at St. Paul's and encouraged all parishioners to get involved.

Joe Fesperman gave an update on the office renovation and other projects around our campus.

Carol Canter thanked all who have supported our Crisis Assistance Ministry. In 2022, 375 neighbors were helped with assistance and 17 individuals completed the Step Ahead Program requirements and earned a grant. Also, thanks were extended to Wilkesboro Methodist, North Wilkesboro Methodist, First Baptist of North Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian, Lutheran Church of Atonement and Friendship Church of the Brethren for their support of our Assistance Ministry. Carol also read a thank you note she received from a neighbor that we were able to help.

Other ministry reports were included in the printed booklet.

John Harwell covered the 2022 financial report and presented the vestry approved 2023 budget.

The meeting closed with prayer at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harris

Clerk of the Vestry