

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2021

The Annual Meeting convened virtually via Zoom

Mother Stephanie welcomed everyone and said a prayer for the parish to start the meeting at 11:01 a.m. She recognized Drew and Pam Mayberry, the Altar Guild, Bill Hurd, Rachel Minick and Wes Martin for getting the services broadcast and John Harwell for his tireless work thru our transitions this year. Also, thanks were extended to Sr. Warden Mark Williams and the three vestry members, Ruth Harris, Tana Myers and Dave Barton who are rotating off the vestry.

Vestry Election: Sr. Warden Mark Williams opened the floor for vestry nominations. There being none, the three candidates recommended by the outgoing vestry members were presented and elected by acclamation. Carol Canter, Joe Fesperman and Gwen Temple will serve a three year term.

Rector's Report: Mother Stephanie welcomed the newly elected vestry members. The vestry as a board is a leadership ministry. She continues to communicate a vocabulary of healing (forgiveness and reconciliation). This is a time to open space for new life and new hope to build something more beautiful and stronger than before. St. Paul's has a heart of love and grace. She is doing pastoral care along with Deacon Susan and Carl Elledge.

Sr. Warden Report: Mark Williams talked about love, gave a recap of last year and thanked everyone for pulling together for the good of St. Paul's. Mother Stephanie has asked Mark to serve as Sr. Warden again and he has agreed to.

Crisis Assistance Report: Carol Canter advised that crisis assistance had to make changes on how to serve our neighbors last year. The need is still great. Bag lunches were packed weekly and distributed weekly thru Hope Ministries or the N.W. Housing Authority. Thanks were extended to the St. Paul's parishioners and also Wilkesboro Methodist Church, N.W. Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of NW for their help with the crisis ministry.

Financial Report: Mother Stephanie stated that St. Paul's is a very generous parish and thanked those who participated in the budget meeting last week. John Harwell stated that 2020 was a most unusual year. He gave a summary of the 2020 finances and presented the 2021 budget which was done with the assumption of returning to in person services at some point this year. The goal for 2021 is to break even with cash flow. Anyone with questions can contact John.

The meeting closed at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harris Clerk of the Vestry