

Minutes of Annual Meeting January 24, 2021

The Rev. Thomas J. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:06 am and offered the opening prayer.

Resolution to Meet Online – Report on Votes

The vote to have an online annual meeting was included on the paper ballots which were received prior to the start of the annual meeting. There were twenty-six (26) ballots received, twenty-two (22) voted yes, and four (4) abstained. The resolution carried and we proceeded with the meeting.

Note: Ballots were made available on the annual meeting webpage from the end of December. For those who do not have Internet access, paper ballots were mailed via USPS with the January issue of The Harvest. It was required that ballots be returned to the church by January 22nd.

Minutes of January 19, 2020 Meeting

There was no discussion and no questions on the minutes of the annual meeting on January 19, 2024. Mary Brennan-Taylor moved the minutes be accepted. Cindy Theurer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting Reports

Fr. Thomas Mitchell said that he is pleased that in spite of the pandemic, we are holding together the normal business of being a church, even if in new ways. During warmer weather we held services in the parking lot (everyone brought their chairs, and we were spaced 10 feet apart), and since December 6th we have had drive-in services (people park cars so they can see Fr. Thomas doing the service in the Parish Hall and listen on their car radios). There is also a live Zoom option for those who wish to worship from home. After the service the recording is uploaded to YouTube where it can be viewed anytime.

The Rev. Deacon Martha Farone said she misses the interpersonal relationships and in-person visits. She is making calls, sending cards and occasionally dropping items off for the people she normally visits. She is also continuing her focus on creation care.

Ron Steen, Sr. Warden, said he hopes the year ahead is better. He thanked The Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Tim McQueen and Sue Bauer for getting us through 2020.

Sue Bauer gave the Finance report. She mentioned that a number of people did not complete their pledges in 2020, the number was significantly higher than normal. However, a lot of people stepped up and were extra generous to help out. Even so at the end of the year because of missing pledge income, the Vestry decided to withdraw over \$20,000 from our investments in order to pay bills. At that point, our investments were down over \$11,000 from the beginning of the year. We were lucky that our investments made a good recovery in the fourth quarter and we

ended the year over \$10,000 ahead of January 1st. However, from the looks of our budget, we may need to take more from investments again in 2021, especially if contributions remain low.

Jack Taylor mentioned that a number of projects were completed, and the results are in the reports. He is wondering about improving ventilation in the church for when we can meet there again.

Cindy Theurer reported that since early March we have been unable to do home visits or take communion to homebound members because of COVID. Instead, the Congregational Care committee is staying in touch with phone calls and cards.

Sue Heschke reported that she sent about 200 prayer request emails during 2020.

Linda Few reported that like everyone Handbells are on hold, but they will be back at the end of the pandemic.

Dave DeYoung reported that the Men's Group plans for monthly dinner meetings have been paused. Dave would be willing to go to dinner – if anyone is interested, contact Dave.

Tim McQueen said he is concerned about the possible cost of organ repairs since the man who does them is currently recovering from colon cancer surgery and at this time we do not know if he will continue to work. Tim has also been working to find an electrician to rehang the church lanterns. The issue seems to be concern about getting to them – the height and our floor cannot support a four-ton lift.

Debbie Bronschidle reported on Outreach. Deb resigned as our outreach leader and she appreciates all who help with the organizing and donations. We need a new outreach person. The only supplies we have at the moment are some summer clothing which is needed for summer camp later in year. The next 2nd Saturday Food Drive (2/13/2021) we will collect non-perishable food for people plus canned dog and cat. We also accept checks anytime (make them payable to Christ Episcopal Church).

Dave DeYoung reported that Parish Life is also on hold. Everyone will be glad to gather when we can.

Cheryl Urtel reported that Church School is waiting, waiting & missing kids. They are sending periodic messages to the students.

Election Results

The voting took place on the ballots that were received prior to the meeting and the following were elected:

Wardens: Jack Taylor (Sr. – one year) and Gloria Bryant (Jr – two years)

Vestry (listed in order of votes received): Pat O. Few, Theresa McCabe, Sue Venezia-Waddell, Mary Brennan-Taylor, Ann Rucci and John Scott (Mary, Ann and John received the same number

of votes). Because of the large number of positions filled, the Vestry will determine the length of terms at their meeting February 8th.

Convention: Delegates are Sue Bauer, Bob Theurer, and Cindy Theurer; Robin Kozlowski is the Convention Alternate. We usually elect three alternates, so if needed the Vestry will appoint additional alternates.

The Rev Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer of thanksgiving. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bauer
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