

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

February 2, 2020

Father Nick called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. The agenda for the meeting was distributed. The first order of business was to elect a Clerk to take minutes of the Annual Meeting. Peggy Hamlin made a motion with a second from Lamon Brand to elect Sandra Rowe as Clerk for the annual meeting. The vote passed unanimously.

Father Nick asked the church members attending to review the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Those will be voted on later in the meeting.

Father Nick introduced the nominees for the Vestry. He asked the nominees to stand. Those nominated were Peggy Hamlin, Joe Wingard, Lesia Irvin, Alan Seely-Wilson, Uzoma Okafor and Lenn Lewis. The nominees should be eligible confirmed communicants of St. Patrick's. Each member of St. Patrick's can vote for up to three of the nominees. The three highest vote getters will be the new Vestry members. The tellers collected the ballots and adjourned to another room to count the ballots.

Father Nick announced the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour elected two representatives to the Vestry at their Annual Meeting. Those elected were Jeremiah Hoskins and Dr. Santha Jetty.

Father Nick gave his Rector's recognition. He first thanked Deacon Joy for her ministry to the church and the care she gives her family.

He then thanked the Vestry for their service. The Vestry members coming off of the Vestry are Jim Kempf, Ann Bolton and Peggy Hamlin. Three Vestry members that have one more year to serve are Shirley Tyner, Aida Cerney and Bonnie Walton. Those having two more years to serve are Kristi Baranko, Lamon Brand and John Talley.

He recognized Ben Gessner and the choir for their dedication and beautiful music they give us.

He thanked Celie Hogue and Ann Young for their faithful service each week in folding the programs for church each Sunday. He also thanked Ann for her dedication to the children of our parish.

Hill Gillespie was thanked for his service through his company Gillespie Printers for providing the printing of many of our flyers and handouts.

Father Nick thanked our Verger Carolyn Brunson for her dedication to our church. She has been serving constantly since the move of Casey Perkins and Gabriel Lawrence.

He thanked the acolytes and the chalice bearers who serve at communion.

Father Nick thanked the ushers and said that they are not at church just to be ushers but to help keep our church secure. He also thanked all those that serve as greeters.

He thanked Jane Braun who took over as head of the Alter Guild when Glenda Franklin retired and thanked the guild members for their service.

Father Nick thanked Celie Hogue and Trisha Moreschi who co-chair the Flower Guild and all those on the flower guild that help.

All who cook for our first Sunday Brunch and special occasions were thanked. Father Nick also thanked Bill Young who always has the coffee going.

Father Nick recognized and thanked Sam Stringer, who serves as treasurer and Steve Tanner, who has served as chairman of the Finance Committee. He also thanked Ralph Rodgers, who has served as chairman of the Legacy Fund Committee.

Joe Wingard, the Steak night crew and the Back 40 crew were thanked for their service and keeping our grounds beautiful. Joe was also thanked for his Pecan ministry and the money he makes for the church.

The ECW was thanked for their service and their ministries, fund raisers and what they contribute to our church.

Ann Bolton was recognized and thanked for serving as Senior Warden in 2019. She was presented gifts and thanked the parish members for their support the past year.

Three new Vestry members were elected on the First Ballot. The new Vestry members are Lesia Irvin, Alan Seely-Wilson and Joe Wingard. Congratulations to these three new Vestry members.

Father Nick reviewed the 2020 Ministry priorities that have been identified by the Vestry. Those Ministry Priorities are Clergy-Vestry Mutual Ministry, Lay Leadership Training, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Hospitality, Communications and Evangelism, Worship and Plan to pay off Mortgage. The top four ministries identified by the Vestry are Lay Leadership Training, Worship, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Hospitality, and Communications and Evangelism.

Junior Warden Lamon Brand thanked the parish members for their help this last year. He thanked Joe Wingard for his pecan ministry. He thanked Bob and Aida Cerney, Jim Kempf, and Joe Wingard for all their help over the year.

Father Nick said that Sam Stringer and Jane Braun have been working very hard and the Giving Statements have been emailed for last year. There are printed statements available also.

Father Nick reviewed the 2020 budget. He noted that we ended 2019 with a net income of ~\$10,909.00.

The 2020 budget reflects a deficit of \$5,677.00. Some of that is due to the Diocese tithe being up 2% from 10% to 12% for Honey Creek bond relief. This increase is currently forecasted through 2022. We have also budgeted this year for the Flower Guild Ministry.

He reviewed 2019 happenings and noted that there was over \$11,165.00 in outreach giving, not inclusive of in-kind donations.

Father Nick reviewed the trends in giving and engagement. He noted that we continue to have high attendance from newcomers and new members, while having lower attendance from long-time members. Some of the reason for lower attendance is health issues. He reviewed the 2019 annual giving chart. He noted that in 2020 we would receive \$280.00 in income from our Legacy Fund. He emphasized potential gifts to the Legacy Fund are important, primarily from planned gifts and bequests.

Father Nick said we have received reimbursement of \$9,160.00 from FEMA for our Hurricane Michael damage.

The minutes for the 2019 meeting were approved.

The meeting closed at 1:30 PM with a blessing and prayer by Father Nick.

Sandra K. Rowe

Clerk to the Vestry