

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Karen Eckford at 11:50 a.m. Prayer was said in unison from the Prayer Book.

Appointment of Clerk of the Annual Meeting: Carol Baird was appointed.

Report of Nominating Committee: The Vestry approved the five persons agreeing to serve: Daphne Cantey, Tina Lockhart, Amanda Robbins-Murphy, Meta Markley, and Louis (Pnut) Truesdale. The Vestry also approved Pam Jackson and Kathy Sharp, who agreed to serve on the resignation of David Farrow and Jim Wiley, who moved to another state. Jim Burns moved that these seven persons be approved by acclamation. John DuBose seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Amendment to By-Laws: The ballots were then collected to tally votes on the amendment question. The following change to the by-laws was approved unanimously: Section 111 E (Death, Disability, or Resignation): In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of any officer of the Parish (including Vestry members) excepting the Rector, the Executive Committee shall have the right to appoint a successor as interim until the first formal Vestry meeting at which time the Vestry shall approve the interim as a member of the Vestry with a majority vote of the Vestry. The new Vestry member shall fulfill all the remaining term and requirements as stated in these By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Herbert gave a verbal report referring everyone to the written report in the program. After his presentation, he offered to answer questions from the parish. There were none. He also informed the group that financial information will be published along with Vestry minutes and encouraged members to contact him at any time with any questions related to finance.

Senior Warden: Report is in the Annual Parish Meeting Report.

Junior Warden: The Junior Warden referred to his written report. He then fielded questions regarding one of the listed projects, the removal of a magnolia tree in the courtyard. After several questions, it was decided that there would be further discussion about the topic and that the parish will be kept informed.

Search: Heather Lindsay reported on behalf of the Search Team. Heather referred to the written report. Her additional comments mentioned the timing of their receipt of applications (Thanksgiving) and the busy holiday season which has somewhat been an issue. She did say that every member of the team felt very positive about the process and where they are at this time. She commended Amy Kinard for her leadership and said that based on the confidential nature of their responsibility more information will be shared when possible.

Note: Karen Eckford asked that each person pray daily for the Search Team.

Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members: A thank you and gift were presented to retiring members: Harriet DuBose, Bill Herbert, and Frank Trapp. Dwight deLoach was absent from the meeting and will be recognized at a future date.

Senior Warden Closing Remarks: Karen Eckford recognized: Barbara Taylor, Vergers Pat Wiley and George Lane, Vestry, Search Team, every ministry in our church and every member of our church. Karen made remarks relating to rocks as they are defined/described in scripture and in hymns. Her suggestion was that Grace Church is a “rock” or “foundation” for us. She further commented that we are very blessed to have this stronghold of hope and protection. Finally she provided each member with a token “rock” to use as their daily reminder of this wonderful gift we enjoy.

Hymn: The closing hymn was *My Hope is Built*. The chorus of the hymn is “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” which is tied into Karen’s remarks.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird