

Minutes to the 165th Annual Meeting
Attendance: 44 members

January 27, 2019

Call to order

Fr. Chris Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Appointment of the Clerk of the Meeting

Fr. Chris appoints Kami Zuercher as clerk of the meeting.

Elections

There were no nominations for Vestry this year.

There are nominees for Diocesan convention. Marcia Smith-Leslie, Cathy Cowling and Celeste Williams are the nominees for delegates. Alternate – Steph Rogers.

Chrissy Roth moved to accept the slate by acclamation; Dawn Arnold seconded. Fr. Chris called for a voice vote, which passed by acclamation.

Fr. Chris called for a voice vote to accept Chrissy Roth as Senior Warden for a second year, which passed by acclamation.

Parish Reports

All reports were filed and presented to the parish.

Chrissy Roth wanted to call attention to the portion of her report that talked about feedback received and encouraged folks to continue providing feedback to the vestry.

Betty Paterson wished to extend a big thank you to the women who come every single Tuesday for hours to sort through donations for the boutique. Almost \$4,000 was raised by this group and given to Trinity and other community projects.

Fr. Chris highlighted some changes to the vestry (the Junior Warden is no longer responsible for the buildings and grounds) and extended a big thanks to Paul Wagner and the whole of the Buildings & Grounds Committee for taking care of our buildings and our properties. Fr. Chris also pointed out that, at this time last year, Loaves & Fishes seemed to be coming to a close, but the program has evolved and become multi-institutional.

Presentation of the 2019 Budget

Tami Goodwin presented the current finances (account balances, restricted accounts, budget,

and endowments). Pledges came in a little higher last year than what was budgeted – thank you for making your pledges, and for following up by paying those pledges. The parish is on pretty solid footing to not have to take much out of endowments at this point. However, last year, we spent \$11,000 more than we took in. This was tempered by the fact that we had a balance in the checking account to cover much of this difference. This year, we only have \$6,300 in our checking account, but the budget is \$14,000 over, so we don't have enough in checking to cover our overage. We encourage you to continue to give what you can, because making additional cuts to the budget at this point would be more painful to everyone than what we've done thus far.

In the past, we had money sitting in checking that was actually earmarked for other things. Those things have been moved into the endowments to protect them from getting swept up into the cash flow.

Because of the markets this year, our endowments lost about 6% this past year.

Rector's Address

Fr. Chris presented Trinity's new logo and shared the story behind it. Its design is based on the columns in the back of the church and the embellishments on the altar cross; the colors are drawn from the columns and the wood in the church. He presented the connections between the four colors and the four elements of the tag line: Worship = gold; Connect = brown; Grow = green; Serve = red.

Fr. Chris also spoke about the Faithful Innovations initiative. Bishop Matt is very interested in this being tried across the Diocese. Trinity will be joining with five other parishes to engage in this work. The effort will dovetail with some leadership training with which Fr Chris will be engaging. Natalie Johnson, Serah Muinde, Marianne Chadoir, Kathryn Allen and Chris Rogers will be serving. More information can be found on the diocesan website.

Closing prayers

For our Diocese:

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop Matt, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

And for our parish:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Adjournment

Betty Paterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 and Kathryn Allen seconded.