

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting ~ January 24, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Mary Anderson, Senior Warden.

Invocation

Marta opened the meeting with “A Prayer for St. Andrew’s”.
“Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You have called us to be a people on the Way to knowing, loving, and serving you. As a community ever striving to grow more fully into the likeness of your Son, you shower upon us gifts abundant to empower us in our calling. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to live and to love out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ and in the power of the Spirit we pray. Amen.

Review of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes of last year’s meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bob Carmack, seconded by Ken Oliver, and passed unanimously.

Helen Hanten stated that at last year’s meeting the minutes for the 2014 were not included. Those minutes need to be located and be included in the church records. Jean Laundergan will contact Cindy Hendrickson (Clerk at that time) to see if she has a copy or knows where the minutes can be found.

Recognition of Outgoing Bishop’s Committee Member(s) and Presentation of slate of New BC Members

Mary A. expressed sincere thanks to the St. Andrew’s community for their resilience in the difficult struggles we have had during the past two years.

St. Andrew’s has By-Laws which include guidelines for BC membership. Kinnan Stauber, Treasurer and Jean Laundergan, Clerk – these positions are renewed annually. The BC members’ terms are staggered to provide continuity from year to year.

For the past year Bob and Mary Ellen Owens have shared the position on the BC which was vacated by Cameron Hubley when she and her family left St. Andrew’s for another church. Mary Ellen will be presented with a St. Andrew’s Cross. (Bob already has a St. Andrew’s Cross.)

The NE Mission Representatives are Adelaide Cline and Roberta Cline. JoAnne Axtell found it necessary to step down from the position.

JC Curtis and Ken Oliver have one more year on the BC. Dave Johnson has replace Karen Nichols who is now Jr. Warden. J Laundergan has two more years on the BC.

Mary and the congregation expressed special thanks and appreciation to Bob and Mary Ellen for ALL they have done for St. Andrew’s through the years.

Sandy Carlson will be the new member of the Bishop’s Committee.

The motion for acceptance of the BC members was made by Brian Lundberg and seconded by Ken Oliver and passed unanimously.

The motion to accept Adelaide and Roberta as the Region Delegates was made by Dave Johnson and seconded by Liz Johnson and passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget Report

The report was presented by Karen Nichols, Jr. Warden. The Proposed Budget is included in the 2016 Annual Report which was distributed to everyone at the meeting.

Karen stated that difficult decisions had to be made during the past year. She expressed appreciation for all who have pledged for 2016 and noted that additional pledges will still be accepted. At this time the pledges and other anticipated income totals \$105,520. Administrative expenses increased in part because we now have a Priest-in-Charge. Our Fair Share to the Diocese increased slightly based on last year's financials. A more accurate Fair Share is being calculated.

St. Andrew's was granted forgiveness of our \$250,000 building loan from the ECMN! We will now work at paying off the bank loan for the building remodel. Elena K. (organist) will receive a pay increase (she has not received one for several years). Spending priorities will include Community Outreach/Peace & Justice, Youth Group, and the Environment. It was noted that 2016 is the Year of the Environment in the ECMN. St. Andrew's does have a Finance Committee. Karen Nichols has been participating in an audit of our financials in co-operation with Trinity Episcopal (Hermantown).

Marta expressed her thanks to the Stewardship Committee – those who worked on the letter and those who spoke at Sunday worship services.

As there was no further discussion of the Budget, the motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Dave Johnson, seconded by Bob Carmack, passed unanimously.

Report of the Priest-in-Charge

Marta's letter is included in the Annual Report document. She highlighted Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Christian Formation (which is more than just the worship service it is a welcoming community), TEC – which included 9 youth and adults. She gave several examples of "Administry" in her report.

The decision was made to write a letter of thanks to the Diocese for the forgiveness of our loan. Accompanying the note will be a photo of the congregation which Dave Johnson took of those assembled for today's Annual Meeting.

A resolution was made by Joanne Blyler and seconded by Roberta Cline that: "A letter be written to the Bishop in gratitude for the forgiveness of our \$250,000 mortgage loan. We pledge to not just let this be a burden lifted, but we will make a commitment to use the \$250,000 as a challenge to pay it forward by bringing Christ into the Community." The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to be presented at this meeting, Bob Carmack called for adjournment at 11:45 a.m.

Closing Prayer

The Rev. Marta Maddy closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Laundergan
Clerk

