

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
148th Annual Meeting
January 18, 2015

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:54 AM
- There were approximately 70 parishioners present
- Mary Clark was elected Register and a quorum was declared
- Handouts were made available to all in attendance

Opening Prayer

- Rector Rev. J. David Niemeyer led the opening prayer

The Minutes of the 147th Annual Meeting

- The minutes have been filed in the church office and are available for review. The minutes were approved without change.

Election of New Vestry Members

- Rules of the election were explained.
- Beth Wentworth, Penny Adams and Steve Payne were appointed tellers.
- The three candidates were presented; biographical information about the candidates was available in the handouts and had appeared in the January Lions Tale.
- There were no nominations from the floor. John Boothby moved that the nominations be closed. Fr. David explained that according to canon law, the election must take place then the nominees would be acclaimed. The three nominees were elected and acclaimed. Charlie Boisky, Suzanne Long and Jim Contner were elected. Suzanne Long and Jim Contner read the declaration to serve to those in attendance. Due to a previously scheduled appointment, Charlie Boisky was not at the meeting.

Business Meeting

- Rector's Report — Fr. Niemeyer read his review of the last year. He spoke specifically about changes he had made in worship: creating a handicapped accessible area in the pews, opening the gate at the altar rail and ending the ringing of the bells during communion as all of these were symbols of exclusion. He noted that preparations for the 150th Anniversary Celebration were under way. Penny Adams and Beth Wentworth are co-chairing the planning committee. He thanked Fr. Buck Aiken and Fr. Edgar Adams for their service to St. Mark's and mentioned Edgar's recent illness. Fr. David also recognized the work of Malinda Collier, Director of Formation and Lay Ministry, Steve Barnes, Parish Administrator, Noah Cozart, Sexton, David Wheeler, Organist and Choir Director, and our child care provider. He praised our ministry teams: 1,500 meals served, the food pantry, and the Panera Dough Boys who pick up unsold bread for the use of the feeding ministry; the 12-Step hosts, Christmas boxes and Easter baskets. He specifically praised the gifted lay leadership of outgoing vestry members Beth Wentworth, Senior Warden, Steve Payne, Junior Warden and Penny Adams.
- Budget Review - Laura Hicks presented the budget overview as well as a written report.
- Stewardship – Howard Pugh presented a Stewardship overview.
- Written reports were prepared and given to those in attendance. Included were the Senior Warden's report, Beth Wentworth; Junior Warden's report, Steve Payne; and the annual report of Lay Ministry from the Director of Formation and Lay Ministry, Malinda Collier.

Questions

- There were no questions from the floor.

Close of Meeting

- Steve Clark moved the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded. The 148th annual meeting concluded. Fr. David led the group in a closing prayer.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Mary S. Clark, Register