

**Christ Episcopal Church
Norwich, CT
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
January 26, 2020**

Rev. Stacey Kohl called the meeting to order with prayer at 11 :00 am. Stacey led us in Dwelling in the Word: Mark 8:27-29. Stacey also reviewed the Guideline for Mutuality. A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF THE VOTING MEMBERS LIST

Dale Ann Beebe was added to the list. A motion was presented, seconded (G. Perrott, D. Erardy), and carried to approve the voting member list as amended. The vote was unanimous, all voting. The voting list may be found in the booklet *Annual Reports of Christ Episcopal Church page 2*.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2019

A motion was presented, seconded (W. Schramm, M. Lang), and carried to approve the minutes of the annual parish meeting of January 27, 2019 as presented, the vote was carried with one abstention.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT

Stacey explained the differences between a Priest-in-Charge (PIC) and a Rector. A PIC has all rights, responsibilities and authority of a Rector. A Rector is a tenured position. A PIC is a position appointed by the Bishop in concert with the vestry for a period of 1 to 3 years. The new norm is ½ time or less for a PIC. Rector availability is sparse. Most parishes are not able to afford a full time Rector. The call for a PIC is an invitation to answer the question “What is a parish in a new missional age with the help of the PIC. Stacey also noted that she is required to attend regular meetings with the Bishop as a new call for 1 year.

SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT

Bill Small asked if there were questions about his or George Carr’s (Property Warden) efforts this past year. Both were applauded by the parish. Bill thanked Linda Snarski for her efforts with renovations and rental of office spaces. Bill noted the coming year will be a time of reflection on what it means to be Christ Episcopal Church.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Godfrey presented the Treasurer’s report. Last year’s deficit was planned to be \$29,000. The actual deficit was \$4,000. Godfrey also presented a balanced budget for 2020. Endowments had done better than the draw. He noted that there is no fat in the budget. We must remain diligent.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS

The nominating committee for these elections consisted of Bill Small (Chair), Judy Huntley, Debbie Kimball and Rozanne Sobieski. Linda Snarski has resigned her position as vestry member effective January 27, 2020. The vestry will appoint a replacement for her at the next vestry meeting in February. Following is the list of candidates for election at this meeting.

Senior Warden – William Small **Property Warden** – George Carr **Clerk** – Stephen Kimball
Treasurer – Jay Deming **Assistant Treasurer** – Dawn Erardy-this is a vestry appointed position.

Vestry Class of 2021

Rose Anderson and TBD

Vestry Class of 2023

Dawn Erardy and Lisa Carr

A motion was presented, seconded (D. Beebe, L. Aromin), and carried to elect the slate as presented. The vote was carried with one opposed.

OTHER REPORTS

Food Pantry – Mary Elizabeth Lang noted that last year the food pantry spent over \$14,000 on groceries. Several volunteers from CEC and other places help on Fridays. **Rental/Renovations** – Linda Snarski thanked the many volunteers who helped with renovations to the parish hall, and creation of several office spaces for rental this past year. The complete reports may be found in attachment 2.

OTHER BUSINESS

Music Leadership – Church musicians are very scarce. NFA, UCONN, The Organist Guild, and other have been contacted, to no avail. Stacey is still searching. **Partnership** – There is a group associated with the cathedral called Music Moves CT. This group promotes social change through music. The group presented a concert here on Oct. 4, 2019. Due to the wonderful response of our parish, we have been invited to partner with this group. The group will come to Norwich and be known as Music Moves Norwich. We will provide space for the group on an on-going basis. **Salvation Army Lease** – The following is a Clerk's certification and resolution adopted regarding the Salvation Army lease;

I, Stephen E. Kimball, Clerk of Christ Episcopal Church, certify that a parish meeting was duly held in accordance with the canons and the parish's by-laws and that, at the meeting, a resolution (see below) was properly adopted, which authorizes the encumbrance and sets forth the details thereof.

Resolution

A full parish meeting of Christ Episcopal Church was held on January 26, 2020 in accordance with parish bylaws at which Linda Snarski made a motion that we accept a proposal from Bill Small, senior warden, and the Rev. Stacey Kohl, priest-in-charge, to lease the basement of the west wing of Christ Episcopal Church at 78 Washington Street, Norwich, CT, in accordance with the lease agreement set forth on January 24, 2020. Mary Elizabeth Lang seconded the motion. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stacey called attention to the 2020 Calendar of Events at Christ Episcopal Church. This included events from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in February to the Christmas Breakfast in December.

THE CLERK, TREASURER, OFFICERS, VESTRY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Rev. Stacey Kohl formally swore in the following officers, vestry members and representatives. Stephen Kimball as Parish Clerk; William Small as Sr. Warden, George Carr as Jr. Warden, Austin J. Deming as Treasurer, Dawn Erardy as Assistant Treasurer and reelected vestry member, Rose Anderson, Lisa Carr as vestry member, SE Regional delegate and convention delegate, Mary Elizabeth Lang as vestry member and convention delegate, Michael Lillpopp and Dale Eichholz as SE Regional delegate.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was presented, seconded (J. Deming, D. Erardy), and carried to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, all voting. Rev. Stacey Kohl closed the meeting with a blessing at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Kimball
Parish Clerk