

St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting, May 21, 2017

Father Michael called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. and opened with a prayer. He appointed Ridgie Barnett as secretary of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 1, 2016 meeting were previously approved by the Vestry.

Nominations: Senior Warden Sandy Wyman presented the following slate:

For Vestry: Robert Felshman, 2nd Term

Diane Stewart, 2nd Term

Jock McLean, 1st Term

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Kurt Hofmann to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the three nominated candidates. The motion carried and the candidates were elected.

Warden's Report: Sandy Wyman thanked departing Vestry member Tom Hadlock for his service to the Church. He asked that the congregation please read the Annual Reports. Much time and effort has gone into the reports, as well as work behind the scenes. He asked that everyone should spend time getting more people into this wonderful facility. Speak to people who used to come, as well as new people.

The Rector thanked Warden Sandy Wyman for being a great source of support and advice to him personally.

Next the Rector introduced our Junior Warden – Carol Fitton. He said that Carol has been very busy doing many jobs, including many jobs no one else likes to do.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Connett reported that the message is simple. We continue to spend more money than we take in. Because of this we are missing the opportunity to do more good in the community. We have been overspending many years. We will be short \$195,000.00 if we pay all present expenses.

However, our situation would be even worse if it weren't for the following:

1. Kurt Hofmann reported that our 30- year lease with T-Mobile has paid us \$52,000 every year, or \$585,000. since we started.
2. Bright Beginnings Pre-School contributes \$50,000 to our budget every year. Dawn Orban, Director, is finishing her 10th year here.

Her extraordinary ministry provides a loving, caring place for our children. She fills all the space all the time, keeps it looking good, and does fundraising herself (Bikeathon, backpacks etc.).

Suffolk County has a fair market survey policy by which average tuition policy is guided. Anita Massey, church member and teacher in the School, reported that the

tuition charged is very competitive. Dawn is able and does charge more for the after-school and summer programs.

Father Michael thanked Nancy for her report and for doing one of the most unsung positions in the church. "She guards the church's money as her own." Applause followed.

Additionally Father commented that her one constant – overspending- is really "Spending what it costs, not overspending!"

Suggestions followed:

Kurt Hofmann – Monthly Vestry minutes be mailed to congregants each month.

Tom Simson – E-mail them with a link to our website.

Eddie Hofmann – Have "specific" things for people to contribute to.

Father Michael announced that the next Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2018. Attendance at this meeting today is 58, the same as national attendance.

After thanking the Wardens and Vestry, Father Michael expressed his thanks for the privilege of serving the people of this parish.

He promised to continue to serve and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ridgie Barnett