

St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2019

Father Michael called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. Thirty-seven members were in attendance. Father opened the meeting with a prayer (Prayer for Church Convention or Meeting). He appointed Eileen Becker as Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

Minutes: Father Michael gave us five minutes to review the minutes of the Annual Meeting from May 20, 2018. A motion was made by John Kern, seconded by Tim Feil, to accept the minutes as written.

Nominations: Father Michael presented the following slate for a Three-Year Vestry Term:

- Steve DeCaro
- Marjorie Kulesa
- Steve Turner

Father Michael called for any additional nominations from the floor. None forth coming, a motion was made by Diane Stewart, seconded by Lloyd Becker, to close nominations at this time.

Reports:

- **Wardens' Report:** Diane Stewart reported that there are many great activities occurring at St. Mark's. She thanked us all for our contributions. John Kern reported that we are leasing out our cell tower thanks to Kurt Hofmann.

- **Treasurer's Report – Tom Simson**

Bright Beginnings: Tom reported total income was \$1,003,000 with total expenses of \$1,005,000, yielding a slight net loss of about \$2,000, essentially a break-even point. Bright Beginnings covered \$9,000 of the building's utility expense. He reminded us that Bright Beginnings is an outreach program that is not intended to be a source of revenue, but rather a community service that provides high quality childcare at a reasonable cost.

St. Mark's: For 2018 there was a net loss of about \$166,000 on total revenue of \$323,000, although year-to-date weekly donations are up from 2017. Drawdowns on our Endowment continue to be relied upon to cover the annual deficit. For the 2019 budget, some changes were made to more accurately identify line items.

Kurt Hofmann mentioned that Steve DeCaro has been working on changing out our lightbulbs from incandescent to LEDs, because it should save us money. Tom mentioned that while savings is important, we need to generate more income through growth. Diane Stewart added that we could make \$500 - \$800/month by renting out our Parish Hall, so we need to encourage the use of our facility. Jennifer Marwood asked if the Library will continue to rent our facility and Diane responded that once the renovations at the library are completed, the Library will hold virtually all of their programs in-house at the Library. Tom Simson stated that money coming in is one piece of a bigger solution. John Kern made a motion, with Richmond Gardiner seconding, to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

- **Stewardship Report:** Father Michael read from the Stewardship Report prepared by Co-Chairs Barbara Pettus and Stephanie Zayicek. The Stewardship Committee would like to thank each of the donors to the 2019 Campaign. As of April 15th, there are pledges of \$172,039 from 73 pledging units. This is 2.1% above last year's pledges. However, it is below the goal of \$200,000.

- **Acolytes:** John Kern thanked Aimee Ralph for her hard work and assistance. We have eight young people serving as acolytes.
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Father Michael reported that we have two new LEMs: Virginia Gilmore and Kurt Daisley.

Open Discussion: Father Michael called for any comments and a discussion followed about the use of our facility. It was made clear that we cannot advertise but church members can sponsor if someone would like to use our church. There will be a Guitar Camp here at St. Mark's during the second week of July from Monday through Friday.

Sandy Wyman brought up the Main Street renovations which are due to begin this September and will prevent access to the Church parking lot. Diane Stewart briefly outlined plans that had been discussed at that last Vestry meeting to deal with this issue, which would involve accessing our parking lot from the other side of the Beineke Building by taking down part of the fence and putting a drive in behind the businesses there. Discussion followed.

Opening of Polls:

A motion was made by Bob Wachter, seconded by John Kern, to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the three nominated candidates. The motion carried. The Vestry was so elected.

Next Year's Annual Meeting: will take place on May 3, 2020.

Adjournment:

Father Michael ended the meeting with a blessing. Motion made by John Kern, seconded by Judy McDermott, to adjourn.

The meeting concluded at 12:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Becker, Clerk of the Vestry