

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**The Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**February 24, 2019**

**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Rev. Sara Palmer, Rector

**II. Approval of 2018 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

**III. Elections of Wardens, Vestry Members, and Diocesan Delegates**

In the absence of Toni Saldivar, Chair of Nominating Committee, Bob Benson presented the slate of nominees for parish leadership positions:

**Wardens**

Senior Warden: Peter Lindsay

Junior Warden: Hugo Olaiz

**Vestry (1-year term Class of 2020)**

Margaret Smith

**Vestry (3-year term, Class of 2022)**

Ken Grabach

Bonnie Mason

Ellen Reister

**Diocesan convention delegates:**

Rosalyn Benson

Elaine Brandner

Kathleen Carels

Valerie Ubbes

Bob opened the floor for nominations and, receiving none, heard a motion to unanimously elect the candidates as presented. That motion was passed unanimously.

It was noted that continuing Vestry members are:

John Harper (Class of 2020)

Chris Shoker (Class of 2020)

Debbie Williams (Class of 2021)

Martin Ganev (Class of 2021)

Lisa Herrmann (Class of 2021)

The following serve as appointed officers of the Parish:

Clerk of the Vestry: Stacey Peterson

Treasurer: Jim Michael

Assistant Treasurer: Jack Southard

Endowment Trustees: Jack Southard (Chair), Diana Uhlman, Kathy Mohylsky

**IV. Reports and Updates**

Reports of active committees and commissions as attached.

**V. Financial and Budget Reports (Jim Michael)**

The good news is the budget ended in the black and the finance committee submitted a balanced budget for 2019. To balance the budget, some budget lines had to be reduced and Outreach and Theological Education were unable to be funded at all. Of note was a decision to apply 10% of the restricted funds from the college program grant to the budget line for the rector's salary.

Jim used a powerpoint presentation to illustrate expenses and revenues for the years 2013-2018. Currently our reserves are currently "uneasily low." Somehow the parish will have to figure out how to increase revenues.

**VI. Trustees Report (Jack Southard)**

The report from Endowment Trustees showed that the endowment suffered due to the market downturn in December, but otherwise did well. Jack presented a 1-page summary on the general fund and noted that the fund can be used, with Vestry permission, to fund non-operational expenses.

**VII. Brief State of the Parish Comments (Sara Palmer)**

Sara Palmer thanked those who support the parish, not just in leadership roles but also by participating in the life of the parish. Sara extended special thanks to Bob Benson, outgoing Senior Warden, and Elaine Brandner, outgoing Junior Warden.

Sara asked for prayers as the parish faces a difficult financial situation, reminding us that this is not a time for hopelessness but for the doubling of daily prayers. The presence of 17 new parishioners, plus more children than ever participating in Godly Play, is a positive sign. Sara ended her remarks saying she is looking forward to more good things to come with the new leadership.

**VIII. Recognitions (Sara Palmer)**

On behalf of the parish, the following individuals were recognized by Sara:

Bob Benson, for his work as Senior Warden

Elaine Brandner, for her work as Junior Warden

Mila Ganev –retiring Vestry member

Pete Lindsay –retiring Vestry member

Diana Uhlman – retiring Vestry member

Sally Southard thanked Bob and Elaine for leading the parish through the transition to a program-centered parish. Laura Osborn thanked Holy Trinity for helping to make the new building for the Oxford Community Choice Program a reality. She specifically cited the work of Dick Nault and Pete Lindsay for facilitating a partnership with Miami's Greek community; Elaine Brandner for work with the building committee; Sarah and Jim Michael for guidance in fundraising; Jack and Sally Southard for fundraising support/political connections; and Valerie Ubbes, Stephanie Nowak and Susan Fortney-Harlan for support.

**IX. Adjournment and Dismissal**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15PM with a prayer led by Rev. Palmer.