**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**January 29, 2023**

Prior to the meeting, the following materials were circulated electronically: Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting; Bylaws of the Parish (ratified October 2021); Audit of 2021 finances by Schmersahl & Treloar; Rector’s Report; Treasurer’s Report and 2023 Budget; Senior and Junior Warden Reports; and Reports from the Nominating Committee, Robert Fund, Parish Guild, Children's and Youth Ministries, Contemplative Prayer, El Salvadore Companionship, Ellicock Investment Committee, Garden Ministry, Grace GatheringS, Grant Committee, Building Committee, Laundry Love, Music Program, Breakfast, Theology on Tap, Sacred Ground, Trinity Hot Lunch Program, and 20s & 30s Group. An agenda was available at the start of the meeting.

Rector Mike Angell opened the meeting with prayer at 9:00 AM, advising video participants that in-church attendees were discussing three questions over breakfast and inviting video participants to discuss them also with Abby Mueller moderating: what brought you to Holy Communion, what keeps you there, and what do you want your neighbors to know about Holy Communion in five years? He announced generally that a quorum was present and the floor open for nominations

At 9:30 AM, a motion by Rudy Walz and seconded by Amy Taylor, to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes, passed unanimously. Rector Mike Angell announced that nominations from the floor were closed and asked for a motion to adopt by acclamation the Vestry slate put forth by the Nominating Committee for Vestry Members Sherifa Hardware, Kellie McCoy and Andrew Watson, and for Diocesan Convention Representatives Tim Anderson and Scott Lunte. Marlene O’Brien so moved and was seconded by Gretchen Wilkes and the motion passed unanimously.

Rector Mike Angell advised that the 2023 budget, which anticipates a deficit, was passed by the Vestry, and that he has asked the Robert Fund to provide money for assistance from a consultant in increasing revenue, both via rental income and how we conduct stewardship.

Junior Warden Courtney Dula, who also co-leads the Parents and Caregivers of Kids Group, advised that the group is sending out a survey to ensure that needs are being served, and spoke to Rudy Walz’s concern about opportunities being available for children during Adult Forum.

Senior Warden Rudy Nickens thanked everyone for “stepping up” during a tough year. He noted that we are healthy but need to imbed stewardship into all activities to ensure that lack of money doesn’t keep us from doing what we want to do. He referred to Mike Angell a question about loss of significant donors, and Mike responded that we experienced the highest level of giving ever and that although we lost a few significant donors due to deaths, we have more than caught up. He stated that it is remarkable that we lost very few pledges during the pandemic although attendance has shifted, with more people choosing to worship from home. He also stated that we want to be intentional about how we invite people to support the church. In answer to a question he stated that we are more economically diverse than many congregations, with people giving sacrificially at every level.

The rector thanked the Senior and Junior Wardens for their reports and recognized Brian Barnhart and Pat Redington who left the Vestry this year. He also extended grateful appreciation to the staff team, including Assoc. Rector Julie Graham for “minding the gap,” Deacon Chester Hines, Sexton Barbara Wallace who keeps the building clean and is present and available on Sunday mornings, Music Director Mary Chapman who is the longest-serving staff member, former Organist Stephen Cook, and Seminarians Josephine Ezenwa-Okpala and Loretta Go.

Rector Mike Angell announced that the Rector’s Cross Award was being given to Brian Barnhart who has been Treasurer for six years and has done incredible work (often between meetings); to Butch Sterbenz who has chaired both the Ellicock Committee and the Robert Fund Committee and has been looking after parish finances for decades; to Elizabeth Hines who has stepped in with grace as teacher and organizer of outdoor Bible studies; and to Rudy Walz who has volunteered so many hours on so many creative projects.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Julie Graham at 11:00 AM, following a motion to adjourn by Marlene O’Brien and seconded by Gretchen Wilkes.