

Holy Communion
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2017

Parish Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion is a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

- Adopted by the Vestry on March 30, 2016.

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Opening Prayers—9:22 a.m.

- Rev. Mike Angell asked Secretary to the Vestry, Angie Burroughs Kelly Kelly if a quorum was present and there was—77 members were present for the annual meeting.
- The meeting began with opening prayers by Rev. Mike Angell. (Please note meeting was officially opened at 8:30 a.m. in order to follow bylaws for voting Vestry members into office).

Acceptance of Agenda—9:23 p.m.

- Joy Last moved to accept the agenda; Butch Sterbenz seconded; passed unanimously.

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes—9:24 a.m.

- Rev. Mike Angell had one amendment in that Scott Ferguson presented the Bylaw Revisions.
- Karen Sterbenz moved to accept the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes; Bob Lewis seconded; passed unanimously.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members—9:24 a.m.

- Brett Chappell resigned early as a result of a move to Minnesota; other outgoing members were Mark Willingham and Burt Mayfield.

2017 Vestry Elections—9:25 a.m.

- Brian Barnhart, Pat Redington, and Alisa Williams were nominees for the Vestry. Jean Parker moved that the election take place by acclamation; Sondra Ellis seconded; passed/approved unanimously by acclamation.

Junior Warden's Report—9:27 a.m.

- Susan Norris thanked Mark Willingham for his service and Angela Breeher for her help on coordinating all the work.
- Last year was about making the church more accessible, which included the following:
 - ADA accessible door installation
 - Security keypad lock installation
 - Movement of lectern to minimize steps for readers
 - Movement of baptismal font to back of church to accommodate the lectern move
 - Addition of a audio system for the hearing impaired
- General maintenance included replacing the sewer lateral line under Jackson Street.
- Next year project is Gannon House remodel:
 - Possibilities include as a home for refugees, domestic violence victims.
 - Rev. Mike Angell noted that the remodel is taking place with a zero interest loan from the Robert Committee.

Treasurer's Report—9:30 a.m.

- Brian Barnhart presented the Treasurer's report and that the Vestry approved a balanced budget on 1/25/17.
- Income: pledge income is over 200,000
- The pledge income is increasing as we continue to grow
- Bob Lewis asked about the miscellaneous contracts of 24,000.
 - Rev. Mike Angell stated this included the audit of the parish, Bookkeeper, and IT work.

Senior Warden's Report—9:35 a.m.

- Scott Ferguson presented the Senior Warden's report.
- He asked several questions that included the following:
 - How do we define the success of our church?
 - What separates us as a church?
 - A successful church is how we touch the lives of others and how others touch our lives.
 - 1: Embrace the tenants of our mission statement
 - 2: Embrace the identity of who we are as a community.
 - We have to be open to change
 - Willing not to be complacent
 - Growth: greater conversation and willingness to be transformed

Rector's Report—9:42 a.m.

- Rev. Mike Angell stated that it was a privilege to serve as rector for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion.
- Congregation is in good health and growing
- Last year talked about our values of community and realized that there may have been bigger dreams than goals.
 - Over summer during continuing education on the Island of Iona hearing colleagues talk about their congregations, he realized how lucky he is to be at Holy Communion:
 - This is a place that grows and welcomes people
 - This wouldn't happen without the incredible volunteer team—he is grateful for everyone
- Goals
 - Welcome—have a personal touch
 - Letters and invitation to meet the rector

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- Diversity
 - Getting people to do diversity of reading
 - Diversity Committee
 - Have conversations about diversity
 - Music more diverse
- Community
 - Internal
 - Theology on Tap has grown
 - Mary Haggerty, Susan Norris, Kara Cummins—Party and Prayers Group
 - Plan for Pastoral Care with the assistance of Rev. Marc Smith
 - External
 - Have soft relationships with several groups including AA, local choirs, and other groups.
 - Memorial Day down to El Salvador
 - Moms Demand Action on Gun Violence Prevention
 - Laundry Love
- What does it mean to be a welcoming and diverse community? The narrative outside our walls is changing—what does this mean for us?
- Questions from the congregation:
 - Karen Sterbenz asked if we are reaching out to the Asian and Latino parts of St. Louis. Rev. Mike Angell responded with we need to do more.
 - Bill Haggerty asked to explain why the parish in DC was used at the Inauguration—Rev. Mike Angell responded that it would be discussed more at Theology on Tap.
 - Member asked how much the audit was? Rev. Mike Angell responded with \$9200.

Adjournment—10:11 a.m.

- Helen Burton moved to adjourn the meeting; Alice Washington seconded. Meeting closed at 10:11 a.m.