

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**Annual Parish Meeting – January 29, 2017**

St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting was opened by Senior Warden Carrie Cone with prayer. There were 45 parishioners in attendance.

**Senior Warden Remarks** -- Carrie welcomed the parishioners and gave a brief history of St. Alban's Parish, encouraging us to pray daily for our church and church family and reminding those present that life as it was has changed and moving forward we will have to seek other ways of functioning.

**Junior Warden Remarks** -- Shirley Clark, as warden of the people, reminded parishioners that she is the voice of the people on Vestry and welcomes input from the congregation regarding their concerns, questions, comments, etc.

Camp scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 are budgeted. Vestry will inform the parish when applications can be made for one of two \$500 scholarships to Camp Huston or another church-sponsored camp.

**Election of Vestry Members and Convention Delegates**

Vestry's nominating committee of departing Vestry members Carrie Cone, Jeannie Wells and Maryellen Young, and member Phil McClelland, presented nominees to fill vacant seats on Vestry. They included Pat Chandler, Karen Ford and Jim Gilman. Each gave a brief summary of their interests and past experience. There were no nominations from the floor, and a motion was made to close nominations by Al Walker, seconded by Joan Longstaff and passed. A nomination was then made to accept the Vestry candidates by acclamation by Dan Mullene, seconded by Joan Longstaff and passed.

Robin and Phil McClelland volunteered to serve as Convention Alternate Delegates. Al Walker made a motion to accept these nominations; the motion was seconded by Joan Longstaff and passed. Karen Ford made a motion to approve the candidates by acclamation; the motion was seconded by Pat Chandler and passed.

There remains an open position of Male Delegate to the Convention. As there were no nominations, the position is referred to Vestry for appointment. Also open is Clerk of the Vestry. Anyone interested was asked to contact Carrie Cone. Vestry will elect a clerk.

**Treasurer's Report (Pledges, Budget, Outreach)**

Treasurer Maryellen Young thanked parishioners for their support in 2016 and the 2017 Stewardship Campaigns. Actual 2016 financials and 2017 approved budget were included in one of the meeting handouts and reviewed by Maryellen.

Maryellen also discussed Vestry's recommended disposition of last year's \$50,565.11 budget surplus. This overage occurred because we had budgeted for a rector and parish office staff, but none were hired during 2016. The allocations of the surplus funds approved by Vestry were :

- \*\$6,000 to pay 2017 rectory property tax, since no priest is living in the rectory
- \*\$2,000 for parish fellowship activities, as this line item has been falling short of need
- \*\$12,000 to give new rector and congregation time to fill possible future year budget gap
- \*\$5,000 for cash flow savings in case of emergency/unexpected expenses
- \*\$25,000 for possible moving expenses and unknown expenses associated with new priest

St. Alban's is committed to continuing outreach support for local food banks, Discretionary Fund and Outreach donations. St. Alban's donated more than \$9,000 in 2016, plus numerous food and personal items to support designated organizations.

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Our 2017 “Faith, Journey and Generosity” stewardship campaign resulted in pledges of \$133,268. The resulting budget for 2017 is outlined in a meeting handout. Maryellen advised that the budget covers nine months of a part-time priest. Twelve months of a priest’s expense would result in a \$10,000 budget shortfall.

### **Celebration of our Ministries**

Our many ministries are listed in the meeting handouts. Those who participated in these ministries and were present were asked to stand and be recognized.

### **Call Committee**

Dan Mullene, Chair of the Call Committee, reported the committee continues to interview candidates provided by the Diocese. A priest recommendation to Vestry is anticipated at the beginning of second quarter 2017.

### **Rectory Status Report**

The rectory has belonged to St. Alban’s since the mid-1960’s, and has housed several priests in the past. To be used, it needs repairs, including new windows, insulation, and other updates, modifications and appliances. Its primary value is its location with a Sound view. As the rectory property is not located next to the church, it cannot be used except for priest housing and still be property tax exempt. Being unoccupied at present, 2017 property taxes, amounting to approximately \$6,000, will need to be paid. In addition, there will be some utility expenses. The tax-assessed value is more than \$600,000; however, with a view lot, the rectory will likely sell for a larger amount.

Vestry feels there could be a better use of this asset. If the rectory were sold, the proceeds would be invested in the Diocesan Endowment Fund, allowing several options.

- \*Another house in better condition could be purchased if a new priest desires a rectory.

- \*The invested proceeds would produce interest to cover 30% (12 additional hours) of priest time, giving a total of 67% (27 hours/week) of priest time.

Maryellen fielded parishioners’ questions regarding the rectory and the specific plans for using the money should it be necessary to sell the rectory. If the decision is made to sell the rectory, St. Alban’s needs to submit a report to the Diocese, requesting permission to sell, reason for the sale and the rationale for what is planned for the proceeds.

### **Buildings & Grounds Report**

Junior Warden Phil McClelland reported on the recent facility repairs, including the repairs to the roof, replacement of the hot water tank, repair and/or replacement of four outside doors, and repair and replacement of some furnace parts. Should it become necessary in the future, roof replacement is estimated at approximately \$90,000.

Boy Scout Troop 300 has volunteered two days/year for yard clean-up work – spring and fall. Phil indicated the current tractor would need to be replaced in the spring.

### **Thanksgiving for Church Family & Ministries; Commissioning of Vestry and Convention Delegates**

Supply Priest Fr. Greg Peters commissioned all Vestry members and convention delegates. Thanksgiving for our parish and its members were offered.

Judy Kistner  
Clerk of the Vestry