

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4, 2024

The Annual Meeting of St. Columba's Episcopal Church was called to order at 11:28 A.M. by the Rector, Fr. Michael Anderson, on his second Sunday at the church. Brett Hanley, our Music Director, led us in singing "We All Are One in Mission." Fr. Michael offered an opening prayer, and he welcomed those present to the meeting.

Teri Helton moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, January 29, 2023. Jarrel Fuller seconded the motion, and it passed.

Fr. Michael thanked Rebecca Mendoza for her fine work and dedication as Director of the Children's Learning Center and recognized the members of the CLC Board. Fr. Michael also recognized the members of the Transition and Search Committees, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Monday Morning Work Group and our Music Director, Brett Hanley.

Nancy Miller moved that Teri Helton be elected to serve as delegate to Diocesan Convention and Gail Hill and Maurice Hill be elected to serve as alternate delegates to Convention. Jarrell Fuller seconded the motion, and it passed. We were asked to pray for discernment in the selection and election of a second delegate.

Outgoing Vestry members, Carlos Barraza and Doug Miller, were thanked for their service. Deborah Brown moved that Maurice Hill and Tom Ledsam be elected to serve on the Vestry. Nancy Miller seconded the motion, and it passed. Fr. Michael announced that Susan Doswell and Teri Helton will continue in the capacity of Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden, respectively, for 2024. Fr. Michael expressed gratitude to Gail Hill for her dedication and expertise exemplified in her service as Parish Treasurer.

Reports for the 2023 Annual Report were presented by title, by Spheres. Maurice Hill moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Deborah Brown seconded the motion, and it passed.

Gail Hill presented the 2024 Budget, pointing out the similarities and differences between this and the 2023 Budget. She noted that 2023 ended with a surplus of just over \$49,000, thanks in part to the fact that parishioners gave about \$27,000 more than they pledged. She also noted that pledges increased from \$192,103 in 2023 to \$208,224 in 2024. Major increases in this budget occur in salaries (having a full-time Rector), in insurance (having added cyber security insurance to our policy) and in the structure change in the Mission Share Fund calculations. With these increases, it was necessary to utilize \$58,224 of carryover (reserves) to balance the budget. There were two significant gifts to the Endowment Fund in 2023. Gail spoke about Designated Funds, specifically Food Ministries and Endowment Fund grants, and how the use of them does not impact the budget and everyday spending. Deborah Brown moved that the 2024 Budget be accepted as presented. Paul Amendt seconded the motion, and it passed.

Fr. Michael acknowledged those beloved parishioners who departed this life in 2023: Jennie Beamis, Sally Gillespie, and John Pearson.

The 2024 Vestry was inducted by Fr. Michael. They are Paul Amendt, Deborah Brown, Susan Doswell, Marjo Gardner, Teri Helton, Maurice Hill, Marianne Hyde, Tom Ledsam, and Lara Tyas.

After Fr. Michael expressed some of his own thoughts about coming among us at St. Columba's, he led us in The Lord's Prayer.

Having no further business, Teri Helton moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 P.M. Jarrel Fuller seconded the motion, and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Doswell