

**Minutes of the 187 Annual Parish Meeting
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham Center, CT
27 January 2019**

Called to order with prayer by Father John Burton at 10:52 am

Present – Ann Higginbotham, Marian Brazziel, Evelyn Hopkins, Janice McKusick, Benjamin Bolt, Susan Martson, George and Sue Younger, Donovan Reinwald, Chip Ide, Beth Nelson, Allan and Katherine Miller, Jim and Deb Russel, Michael Breen, Virginia Fulton, Murphy Sewell, Gerhardt and Elizabeth Austin, Marion Beausoliel, Sandra Osei, Pam Able, Wayne and Loretta Haeger, Dana Kessler, David Haines, Helen May, Erica Mott, Lee Mott, Father John and KC Burton, Rebecca Stearns, and Lynne Ide

Approval of the 186th Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

W. Haeger moved to approve the minutes of the 186th Annual Parish Meeting. S. Younger seconded approval of minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Haeger moved, C. Ide seconded to approve the active voter list. Discussion ensued. L. Haeger moved to remove Sally Sumners, seconded by a majority vote, Sally Sumners was removed.

Voter List

B. Bolt moved to add Barbara Domingue to the voter list, C. Ide seconded. Discussion continued over the difference between a voting member and a parish member. D. Kessler noted that Barbara Domingue was included within the parish directory. Fr. John noted that the by-laws and canons describe the difference between communicants, voting members, and members of the church. Voting list adopted by a vote in favor – 8, opposed – 10, abstention – 6. Vestry will delve deeper into membership status.

Approval of the By-Laws

A. Higginbotham moved to adopt the proposed by laws and to repeal the current by-laws. S. Younger seconded. J. McKusick asked what the differences were. Fr. John noted that the current by-laws ask for monthly meetings whether there is business or not. The need for positions has changed and will be updated as the community changes, including hospitality. Questions were asked about voting powers within the vestry. Motion carries unanimously.

Nominations

D. Kessler moved and B. Nelson seconded the proposed slate be adopted as presented.

- L. Ide slated for new term as Senior Warden
- R. Stearns for new term as Mission and Outreach Chair
- S. Marston for new term as Clerk
- M. Brazziel for new term as Treasurer
- D. Reinwald will continue as Junior Warden
- J. Russel and G. Younger will continue as Property Co-Chairs
- Conventions Delegates will be L. Ide and D. Reinwald

L. Ide thanked M. Brazziel for stepping into the treasurer post upon the retirement of Gordon Muir. L. Ide also thanked V. Fulton for her dedication to Mission and Outreach. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Acknowledgements

A. Higginbotham moved and B. Bolt seconded to thank Joanne Loughery for her years of dedicated service as pledge secretary. L. Ide explained that pledge secretary duties were being updated and J. Loughery had done the duties tirelessly. Parish applauded unanimously.

Reports

M. Beausoliel asked for regular updates from those who go to convention.

W. Haeger moved to accept reports as presented, M. Breen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget

M. Brazziel presented the approved Vestry budget to the Parish as well as a summary of year end 2018. She noted the two new lines for accounting services and lawn maintenance.

V. Fulton moved to send a formal thank you to Gordon Muir for his years of dedication as treasurer, D. Reinwald seconded. J. McKusick moved to amend and also send a formal gratitude to J. Loughery. Amended motion was approved unanimously.

G. Younger wanted to formally acknowledge M. Brazziel's work as treasurer.

Listening Sessions

L. Ide facilitated review of the listening sessions as a group. The Parish shared highlights from the sessions and running themes and narrowed down goals to focus on as a Parish.

D. Reinwald made a resolution to thank J. McKusick for her dedication to the Parish of St. Paul's as both the church school teacher and secretary. D. Kessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously, with rousing approval.

Closed in prayer by Fr. John at 12:37 pm