

# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES— JANUARY 29, 2017

*Respectfully submitted by Eric E. Lund, Clerk*



The meeting opened with prayer by Eric E. Lund at 11:05 am.

Twenty-seven members of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church were present for the meeting.

**MOTION** by Tom Jessen/Claire Buhn: That minutes from 2016 annual meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

**ECW Report** – Donna Weir-Ringhand. Nothing was added to the printed report except to say that “All are invited to ECW meetings.”

**Treasurer's Report** – Carrie Jessen. • A line in 2017 budget for part-time clergy has been left blank, to be addressed later. • The church is in the black but Carrie had some advice as she leaves her post as treasurer: “Don't get complaisant.” • Memorials mentioned. • Thanks to all for pledges ... it was a good stewardship effort last fall. The importance of sustained clergy leadership was mentioned by some in their pledge returns to the BC. • Carrie stated the balances of various church accounts, balances as listed in the printed report. • Our Diocesan Pledge was discussed. Some members question the fairness of the amount expected of us. A request for relief has been sent to a committee at the Diocesan office. In the meantime, we've put a suspension on our automatic payment of the pledge from one of our accounts to the diocese. This should lead to some timely attention to the matter at the Diocese! Karen Olson's visit in December 2015 was brought up again, how our issues – financial and otherwise – were put back in our laps. **MOTION** by Betsy Hering/Mariano Arguedas: To accept the treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

**Stewardship Report** – Jack Buhn. As printed in the meeting handout and as mentioned during the Treasurer's report.

**Elections to the Bishop's Committee** – Two candidates, Terri Bakker and Annette McGinley, were nominated by Betsy Hering/Carol Carpenter, together with a **Motion** by Betsy Hering/Carol Carpenter to have the vote by acclamation. **Motion carried.**

**New Treasurer:** Tom Jessen/Bob Montebello nominated Art Gulette for the position. An affirmative vote followed.

**Convention Delegates:** Nominations from the floor: Carol Carpenter/Donna Weir-Ringhand nominated Jack and Claire Buhn. The nominees were voted in. **Alternates:** Carol Carpenter and Susan Stember were nominated as alternates by Claire Buhn/Donna Weir-Ringhand. These nominees were voted in.

**Junior Warden's Report** – Bob Montebello. See report on page 10 of meeting handout. A remodel of the entrance off the parking lot is in order, somewhere in the order of \$80,000 (estimate by Zetah Construction). Support for such a project was given vocally by five attendees of the meeting. The idea of competitive bids was brought up. Another project: redoing the wiring and box in the furnace room, where the wiring is a mess. No definite action was taken at this time on either of these projects.

**Senior Warden's Report** – Jack Buhn. One item was added to the printed report from handout: The possibility of hiring part-time clergy. Jack Buhn, Eric Lund, and Julie Loxtercamp met in the last week of December with members of the church council from Trinity Lutheran Church in Cass Lake. A show of hands of the attendees of the annual meeting indicated that the BC should continue investigating the possibility of sharing in a call to a new clergy person with this church.

**Outreach Committee** – Betsy Hering. Direct any questions about this ministry to Betsy or Art or Jeanne or Donna. An additional \$100 will go to Churches United (as budgeted in 2017, over and above the amount for this ministry in the 2016 budget).

**Community Table** – Jeanne Gulette. A chart shows that “we're feeding more people over the years and the meals are costing less.”

**Food Shelf** – Art Gulette. A new director will come onboard for the food shelf this year. (Here Art took the opportunity to thank Carrie for taking over as treasurer three years ago on very short notice and doing a wonderful job. And now she has trained Art on use of the software as he takes over the treasurer duties. General and well-deserved acclaim followed for Carrie!

**Worship Committee** – Jeanne Gulette. Ron Gladen mentioned as agreeing to lead two services a month in 2016. Johannes Jordan's vital contributions mentioned, also, as well as Pastors Tim Megorden and Melody Kirkpatrick coming on recently to serve in supply roles.

**Memorial Committee** – Jeanne G. Electric Christmas candles used during the Christmas Eve service were bought with memorial funds.

**Pastoral Care Committee** – Carol Carpenter. This committee has been revived, comprised of Rodney Austin, Claire Buhn, and Carol. Carol pointed out that they are not trained counselors, but rather are members of the parish who wish to help other members who might not be able to attend services to remain connected to the parish. The prayer chain was mentioned, too, as being up and active – contact Rodney or Claire or Carol.

**Theology for Breakfast** – Carol Carpenter (for Bea K.) This group sends out a welcome to anyone interested.

**Scrapbook Report** – Carol Carpenter. This is her “baby.” Get new items to Carol ... she tries to keep the scrapbook updated.

**Sunday School** – Julie Loxtercamp. Six persons jumped onboard to be SS teachers this year. The theme is “Community Service.” ECW donated funds for more fleece for the kids to make canine blankets. Our curricular resources for SS are good. Julie mentioned a week-long VBS that she hopes will happen this summer.

**Annual Convention Report** – Claire Buhn. The networking/dialogue that ensues from such conventions is very valuable; the convention afforded both Jack and Claire the chance to get to know personally (and continue to work with) Bishop Prior. (Here Claire sent out a big and heart-felt “Thank you!” to Jeanne Gulette for all her contributions to St. Bartholomew's, to general acclaim.)

**Motion** to Adjourn was made by Tom Jessen/Bob Montebello – **motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

