

Faith Merrimack 1/15/17  
Annual Meeting

Final phase of last Bishop's Committee meeting

Present: Jane Howard, Therese Wright, Sarah Forhan, Bob Hughes, Ryan Hupper, Pat Henking, Stephanie Holdgate

Absent: Dawn MacKechnie

Three things we need to do.

1) Adopt proposed budget.

Approved

2) Motion to accept Stephanie's resignation with regret

Approved

3) Whole bishop's committee to accept the report of the nominating committee.

Approved

Motion to adjourn. Passed.

**Start of annual meeting.**

Mitch Couret and Scot verified that we have a quorum.

Thanking of the luncheon providers- Betenu

Betenu will ask for assistance with donations for animal shelter.

Motion to authorize the BC to review and approve minutes of this meeting was made and passed.

The Custom is to go through the annual reports page by page.

Page 6-The Vicars report

Noted :Many bags of baby clothes were donated once. Stephanie pointed out blankets would be good for the animal shelter.

A bowl made out of the tree that used to stand by the Chapel was commissioned by Lisa Fulton. It will be kept safely in the Chapel until a plaque is created. A motion was made and passed to thank Lisa.

A motion was made to enter the reports into the minutes and approved.

**2016 annual treasurers report**

We exceeded the budget for fund raising. The yard sales, rib fest, and consignment store have been very helpful. Plate was up. Pledges- some were over and some were under. Sarah noted she really appreciates any donations here. \$3000 from the Solomon fund was necessary to close out the year. The Special offering was up.

## Expenses

Expenses were pretty standard and predictable. Health and life insurance went down last year and are now back up. Fair share- at the end of 2015 we received a large donation which paid for several months last year and thru April this year. Designated outreach is all spelled out on page 15. Bills are always very close to bottom line. Sarah called Gloria and Kevin to get an update on the Fair Share Process. Gloria said funds could be "deemed uncollectable." It was asked if debt could be not carried over to next year's budget. On the other hand this would leave us even further behind.

Positive feedback from current administration is something to be thankful for. We don't really understand some of the cultural changes which have taken place in the last decade and the effects they have had on the church, Pat said

Stephanie asked about the Deacon's discretionary fund. Therese said we fully intend to make a choice and donate it in a way that will honor John. Pat asked for suggestions on ways to spend that money. Motion to accept the budget report passed.

## 2017 budget

The Vestry will present a budget to the congregation. Pat noted that Canon law says the congregation is not supposed to need to approve it, but that's the way Faith Merrimack has always done it.

\$42,120 is the current pledge amount.

Total income is 69307.08

Motion to accept was made.

## Discussion

Phone is critical for emergencies.

Pat said the only way to change the budget a lot is to change her time. How to do that is beyond her.

Budget passed as is.

Report of the nominating committee nominated to:

Therese Wright senior

Dawn MacKechnie at large

Sue Galliardi is the nominee to fill Stephanie's unexpired term. At large

The Alternate delegate to Southern convocation is Mitch Couret.

Sarah Forhan treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor.

A Motion was made to cast a single ballot.

The motion carried.

## Vicar's remarks

Request to set some dates afterwards  
Southern convocation- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in February

Pat read her open letter.  
Pat's gifts to those who are going out of office  
Stephanie gets a book about Jeanne Shaheen's daughters and their dogs.  
Sarah, Therese, Dawn got a step ladder platform  
Chris got a shirt that said "life is good stay tuned"  
Nancy got a doggie bag  
Pete got a picture frame cheers  
Dede "you just cover it for us" got the same book  
You all are saints of god

Courtesy resolutions (remember to do this)  
Betenu- for providing lunch  
Rita- courtesy resolution for bishop committee  
Therese Wheeler -chapel trustees  
Sue Galliardi assistant treasurer handles all deposits and spread sheet  
Thank Lise  
Motion to adjourn  
Approved

Bishop's committee retreat?  
Not this year  
Instead Supper and a meeting.  
Feb 3 6 630 at the Wrights  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup>- Yard sale.

Bob Hughes, Secretary