

Trinity Cathedral
207th Annual Parish Meeting
January 27, 2019

Dean Timothy Jones called the 207th Annual Parish Meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. He appointed Judy Cotchett Smith as Clerk and Dan Fritze as Parliamentarian.

Approval of the Minutes

Dean Jones called for the approval of the minutes of the 206th Annual Parish Meeting held on January 28, 2017. The copy of the minutes was included in the supporting documentation provided to attendees. A motion to approve was made, seconded and affirmed by voice vote.

Election Process and Explanation of Voting Procedures

Dean Jones introduced Senior Warden Emeritus David Danforth, chair of this year's Nominating Committee, to describe the election process.

All adult communicants (16 years of age or older) in good standing as defined by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and referenced in the Cathedral By-laws are eligible to vote. The criteria for nomination as a member of the Vestry and other offices are to be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing as defined by the Cathedral By-laws.

Members of the Nominating Committee were recognized as the Senior and Junior Wardens; two Vestry members from each class year, Margie Heggie Estefano and Susie Dibble, Brian Kvam and Walter Chastain, Ian Weschler and Beth Yon; Diana Ayers representing the Daughters of the Holy Cross; and Mark James, Trinity Foundation Commission President. Two former Senior Wardens, Kirby Shealy and Mary Belser were also members.

The committee advertised its request for nominations and an unprecedented 183 nominations were received. The committee evaluated all candidates considering additional criteria of commitment, active involvement, and the skills and abilities needed to serve on committees replacing members rotating off the Vestry. Cathedral By-laws are silent as to how an election is to take place. The Committee selected a slate of candidates deemed needed for the vacancies to be filled. The slate, approved by the Vestry, was advertised in December and nominations from the floor were again opened for receipt up to one week prior to this meeting. None were received.

The Nominating Committee requests the approval of the following to be elected to the Vestry for a three-year term: Michael Beale, Gus Chapman, Marian Hornsby, Jonathan Milling, Tim Owens and Stephen West. He asked those nominees to come

forward. Since the nominations come from Committee, no second was required and the nominees were approved by voice vote.

The Nominating Committee presented Jim Best and Pamela Lackey as board members for the Trinity Foundation Commission. The two were approved by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee presented two Diocesan Delegates and one alternate. He asked Elizabeth Dorn and West Summers to come forward as Delegate candidates, and acknowledged Jane Key who was out of town as Alternate Delegate. The nominees were approved by acclamation.

Finally, David presented the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Junior Warden. He asked Wade Stinnette to come forward. The Junior Warden was approved by acclamation.

Election of the Senior Warden

Senior Warden Phil Johnston nominated David Wolff as Senior Warden. The motion was seconded and David was elected by acclamation.

Election of Senior Warden Emeritus

David Wolff nominated Phil Johnston to serve as a member of the Vestry for a one-year term with seat and voice but not vote. The motion was seconded and Phil was elected by acclamation.

Appreciation for Outgoing Officers and Lay Leaders

Phil Johnston expressed appreciation for outgoing members of the Vestry, including David Danforth for his service as Warden Emeritus and to Susie Dibble, Margie Heggie Estefano, Robert Key, Andy Slaughter, Judy Cotchett Smith and Jonathan Vipperman whose terms are expiring. He also thanked Trinity Foundation Commission members Helen Taylor and Tom Runge. and Diocesan Deputies Sean Rankin, Ed Tilden and Alternate Will Hornsby.

Parish Reports

A. 2018 Financial Report and 2019 Budget.

Phil asked Liz Summers, Treasurer, to provide the 2018 Financial Report and a report on the 2019 Budget.

Liz expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as treasurer with such committed leadership. Financial documentation was included in the handouts and Liz suggested questions be asked of her following the meeting. The 2017 audit by the Hobbs Group was a good report and thanks go to Donald Benson, Julie Fulmer and Ryan Headley for their excellent work in keeping Cathedral finances in good order. She reviewed the Balance Sheet drawing attention to \$495,037.56 Total Cash in Bank, noting that contribution revenues in 2018 did not meet expectations. She said Liabilities of \$230,369.02, borrowed from the Trinity Forward Campaign earlier

this year, will need to be returned to the Campaign as demands for those funds are required now that Trinity Center construction is underway. In the review of the Revenues and Expenses in the Operating Fund, she noted the decline in contributions and the expense controls with the exceptions of the \$55,000 needed by the Trinity Learning Center and the write-off of \$42,104 for the bookstore. If contribution revenues had come in as expected, she added, we could have covered both of those unanticipated costs.

The 2019 Budget was prepared by a subcommittee of the Finance Committee, approved by the Finance Committee, and finally presented to and approved by the Vestry. She noted revenue highlights, adding that of the 1700 households potentially supporting Trinity, only 539 pledges have been received to date. Expense highlights she noted were reductions in many categories of ministry expenses. She added that last year \$93,000 of restricted funds were used by ministries and departments where appropriate funds were available. A very conservative budget of \$3,107,733 for 2019, \$33,218 less than 2018, has been approved.

B. Stewardship Campaign

Ben Grimsley provided a brief overview of the 2018 Stewardship Campaign called Heart Matters. He and Adele thanked everyone who helped with the campaign and recognized Jonathan and Lisa Vipperman who will be campaign co-chairs for 2019.

C. Trinity Forward Campaign

On behalf of Vance and Linda Bettis and his wife Llewellyn, Kirby Shealy acknowledged that the Trinity Forward Campaign has concluded with 250 pledges reaching \$3.6 million. Those funds are being put to work on the Trinity Center and kitchen renovation. He thanked all who answered the call to support these important efforts.

D. Trinity Foundation Commission

Commission President Mark James acknowledged that 2018, the 56th anniversary of the founding of Trinity Foundation, had been a busy year. Generous donations, bequests and honorariums of approximately \$200,000 were received. The focus for 2018 has been legacy building. In continuation of that theme, there will be a reception on February 12 in Satterlee Hall. Susie Van Huss is the Foundation Commission's new president and David Sojourner is the vice president.

Senior Warden's Report

Phil Johnston expressed his gratitude for having served as Senior Warden and trust invested in him to do so. He noted that all are called to serve and recognized the many who answer the call including Altar and Flower Guilds, leaders in music, formation and the Daughters. He acknowledged the clergy for their support and encouragement and the volunteers in the kitchen, whose love is "tasted" by all. The text of his full speech is attached.

Dean's Report

Timothy Jones thanked Phil Johnston for his outstanding leadership in 2018. Through the year he recognized Phil's spiritual depth, the intensity of his love for Trinity and his sense of humor, which he described as the ability to care deeply with a light touch. The Dean presented Phil with a certificate of membership in the Parish Council, the body of all past Senior Wardens, and a gift.

He extended his thanks to all in attendance including the 45 members of the Confirmation classes. He encouraged people to take home the printed Annual Report and read it. He acknowledged Vestry members, Wardens, clergy colleagues and staff, calling attention to Andrew Grosso and the 100 plus people who actively engaged in the development of RenewalWorks; Dorian Del Priore, who with others will be implementing more aspects of Invite Welcome and Connect; Tina Lockett, who is expanding our dimensions in Pastoral Care; Patsy Malanuk, whose ministries continue; stellar programs for music, children and youth. He expressed gratitude that Trinity Center renovations are underway and the kitchen will follow this summer. He described his vision of the parish as poised to make new discoveries in our life with God. While average Sunday attendance and numbers of pledges are down, the average pledge has increased over recent years from \$3400 to \$4500. With a respectable increase in the number of pledges Trinity could easily become a parish with a \$4 million annual budget. Outreach continues, the Cathedral Music School is making slow but steady growth, and the Outreach Futures Committee has identified a potential outreach opportunity for the elderly homeless population. Finally, he said, RenewalWorks identified a longing by many for growth in spiritual ways. That will be a focus in the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm after singing the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cotchett Smith
Clerk