

Church of the Holy Apostles
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019

Rev. James Stambaugh called the meeting to order with a prayer. Both electronic and print copies of reports were made available to all church members.

A Ministry Involvement sign up sheet was circulated for individuals to indicate their interest in participating as a volunteer with the various activities and programs of the church. A co-chair is needed for outreach activities.

Minutes from the January 28, 2018 meeting were approved.

Ballots were distributed for the election of the new 2019 Vestry members, as well as delegates to General Convention and the Conestoga Deanery. Mike Johnson, Peter Patton and Meg Delavan were elected for 3-year Vestry terms. Susanne Lees was elected for a 2-year Vestry term to fill the vacancy of Kevin Cavanaugh's resignation. Delegates to Convention and the Deanery are Lyn DeSilets, Nancy Haas, and Judy Jervis. Alternate delegates are Beth Gallis, Cliff Davis and Deb Dupre.

Rector's Report

Rev. James summarized the highlights of his first full year as Rector. 2018 was a year of hope and of spirit-filled community. It has been a good year for outreach. A discernment committee was formed which resulted in Jeremiah Mustered being accepted by the diocese as a postulant for holy order.

New initiatives this coming year include the development of a Holy Apostles Choir School. The program will be piloted beginning the end of February. A St. Faith's Preacher Series has been designed to bring a wide range of perspectives and a diversity of voices to the pulpit. The series will invite several woman preachers from the diocese and a wider region, as well as women seminarians from the Virginia Theological Seminary. Those in the series will be invited to preach on Sunday mornings.

In 2019 two committees will be revitalized, Good News and Pastoral Care. The Lenten series will explore and discuss exactly what Good News means. The series will be titled Good News and God's Mission. The Pastoral Care Committee will be invigorated to include: visiting and taking care of those who are sick or unable to attend church, welcoming newcomers, and helping others integrate fully into the life of the parish family.

2019 will focus on faith formation for all ages, especially engaging our group of teenagers more fully.

The three outgoing members of the Vestry, Lyn DeSilets, Nancy Haas and Judy Jervis were recognized and given gifts of appreciation.

Susanne Wherry reported on the process of revising our Articles of Incorporation. They were originally approved in 1950. During a several year process the Vestry has revised them. They have been distributed to the membership for comments. Next in the process is submission to the Diocese for approval.

Senior Warden's Report

Nancy Hass summarized the past year as one of great energy, activity and renewal. She reviewed the work of the Good News Committee, Outreach activities, the Educational programs, the work of the Worship Committee and the Altar Guild, the Fellowship Committee and the Property Committee. All of these committees and their volunteers contribute toward making CHA "*A Place to Belong*".

Financial Report

Kevin Cavanaugh thanked JT Wertz and Matt Dupre for all their work with our finances. A summary for 2018 was provided. The building expenses that were over budget were covered by the previous year's operating surpluses. As of 1/1/19 there will be \$9,139 from prior year's surpluses available for 2019 and future years. The proposed 2019 financial budget was reviewed and accepted.

Reports from the following groups were included in the distributed annual report:

Altar Guild – Patty Wertz

Christian Education – Jaime Grant

Endowment and Restricted Funds – Matt Dupre

Fellowship – Judy Jervis

Music – Paul Emmons

Outreach – Joe Zork - Consideration is being given for CHA to support a food pantry in Kensington that is in need of contributions.

Property – Drew Meiers

Stewardship – Dave Lees

Worship – Nancy Haas

The 2018 Annual Meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyn DeSilets
Clerk of the Vestry