

St. Mark's Annual Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2025

1. **Call to Order**
 - The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:35am.
2. **Opening Prayer**
 - Fr. RJ Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. **Determination of a Quorum**
 - A quorum was declared with 60 parishioners present.
4. **Adoption of Time Allotment / Speaking Rules**
 - Old and New Business item discussions are limited to 30 minutes and remarks are limited to 3 minutes each.
 - John Wise **motioned** to adopt the Speaking Rules. Judy Hixon seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**
 - The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting are included in the Annual Meeting packet.
 - There were no corrections or discussions.
 - Derek Gordon **motioned** to approve the Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting. Louise Moore seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
6. **Appointment of Tellers**
 - Tellers were not needed, as the Candidates were running unopposed.
7. **Report of the Nominating Committee**
 - Nominees for the Vestry Class of 2025 are Marcia Tirpak, Patrick Watters, and Patrick Wilson.
8. **Opening of Polls**
 - The Polls were opened and there were no nominations from the floor.
 - Sue Little made a **motion** to close the nominations and the polls, cast a singular ballot for approval of all Nominees presented by the Nominating Committee, and elect the three Candidates by voice vote. Rich Tirpak seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - All three Candidates were elected unanimously by voice vote.
9. **Rector's Report**
 - The full Rector's Report is in the Annual Meeting packet.
 - Fr. RJ thanked outgoing Vestry members Leslie Redmon, Sara Strattan, and John Willoughby for their leadership, dedication, and commitment.
 - Fr. RJ commented on the parish's positive spirit and continued growth.
 - We have added new households and families with children.
 - Intergenerational Services have been popular.
 - The Christmas Pageant was written by the Sunday School students and was very well received.
 - Emily has been doing great things with the Sunday School program.
 - Bob has been providing outstanding music for our services.

10. Wardens' Reports

- Senior Warden Leslie Redmon's report is included in the Annual Report packet.
 - Leslie welcomed the three new Vestry members and is looking forward to celebrating St. Mark's 70th Anniversary.
- Junior Warden Sara Strattan's report is included in the Annual Report packet.

11. 2024 Financial Report and 2025 Missional Operating Budget

- The 2024 Financial Reports and 2025 Budget are included in the Annual Meeting packet.

12. Closing of Polls

- Not needed.

13. Report from the Tellers

- None needed.

14. Old Business

- There was no Old Business.

15. New Business

- At the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Vestry has proposed amending the Bylaws to change the date of the Annual Meeting to the third Sunday of February. This is to allow time to close the previous year's books before reporting to the parish at the Annual Meeting. Financial information presented at the Annual Meeting is supposed to be the same as what is reported in the Parochial Report, which is due in March.
- The suggested amendment (**changes in bold**) to Article III, Section 1 reads:
 - The annual meeting of members of the Parish, for the election of the members of the Vestry and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on or before the **third Sunday of February** of each year **or on such other date and** at a time and place that may be designated by the Vestry.
- Because the Vestry proposed the change, no motion was needed. There was no discussion. A unanimous voice vote approved the amendment.

16. Closing Prayer

- Fr. RJ closed the meeting with a prayer.

17. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am with a **motion** by John Wise, seconded by Barrie Thorp, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk