

St. Thomas ' Episcopal Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting

January 30, 2022

- I. Father Todd Foster opened the meeting at 11:45 a.m with prayer. There were 24 parishioners attending in person, 7 attending on-line live streamed, and 8 attending on ZOOM.
- II. Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: The Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were included in the current meeting information package. Gretchen Owen moved that the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes be approved. Seconded by Rachael Owen. Approval was unanimous.
- III. Nominations: A full slate of candidates for open positions had been developed prior to the meeting and was included as the Voting Guide. At 11:50 a.m. the floor was opened for additional nominations. None were forthcoming. Per our bylaws, polls will remain open for 30 minutes.
- IV. Senior Warden Address: Senior Warden Eric Cephas welcomed everyone. Eric noted that St. Thomas' continues to shine through the current tough times. We have multiple opportunities for worship, i.e. in person indoors and outdoors, as well as on line. We continue to offer three weekly services, as well as multiple other on line gatherings and programs; all of which provide us with the opportunity to stay close to God and do his work. Eric offered thanks to everyone for being their part of our living community. St. Thomas' is alive, bright and vibrant.
- V. Junior Warden Address: Junior Warden Joe Rizzuto is cycling off the Vestry, in accordance with our bylaws. Joe has been a member of St. Thomas' since 1982, and over the years has served on Vestry as Vestryman, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden. Joe is also a member of the Tuesday Night Crew and has served on many other committees over the years as well. Joe noted that he loves St. Thomas' and is happy and proud to serve God and our church.
- VI. Deacon's Address: Deacon John Hanson is beginning his 17th year at St. Thomas'. Deacon John came to St. Thomas' with a focus on campus ministry. He currently serves in 4 primary areas: 1. Deacon John podcasts morning prayer two time every week. 2. Deacon John is a Eucharistic Minister taking the sacraments to two local nursing homes. (Pandemic permitting). 3. Kitchen of Hope serves approximately 90 families with free groceries once per month. KOH also provides weekend meal packs for Glassboro public school children. 4. Deacon John is involved with our Campus Ministry at Rowan University with a student population of approximately 15,000.
- VII. Stewardship Report: Stewardship Chairperson Sarah Ternay presented the Stewardship Report. For 2022 we have 60 pledges totaling \$170,212.00. 30 pledgers increased their pledges over last year. 7 pledgers are new. Our pledge total this year is \$3,940.00 lower than last year. Sarah has been the chairperson of the Stewardship committee for several

years and is now stepping down as chairperson. She encourages new participants for the committee and chairperson role.

- VIII. Treasurers Report: Treasurer Harold Lucius presented his report. Our 2021 budgeted income was \$184,251.00. Our budgeted expenditures for 2021 were \$193,016.00. We were projecting a year end deficit of \$8,765.00. Our actual income for 2021 was \$202,398.22. Our actual expenditures for 2021 were \$193,348.68. Our net income, therefore, for 2021 was \$9,049.53. Our budgeted income for 2022 is \$183,000.00. Our budgeted expenditures for 2022 are \$193,648.00. This results in an anticipated year end shortfall of \$10,648.00.
- IX. Other Business: Donna Freidel noted that Rev. Burgess, the Dean of the Woodbury Convocation has been elected Bishop of Springfield Ill. Bishop Stokes has asked that Father Todd Foster serve as Acting Dean of the Woodbury Convocation. Rachael Owen asked if there are any updates on the progress of the Bishop search committee. Tal Kramer responded that the committee is meeting regularly and is on schedule. Gretchen Owen thanked Linda and Carl Kinsley for their work with the kitchen renovations.
- X. Announce Elections: Polls closed at 12:20 p.m. Having a full slate of candidates for all open positions, and no further candidates from the floor, Wayne Rowbotham, Clerk of the Vestry cast a single vote for all candidates for all positions as follows: Vestry – Donna Freidel, Carl Kinsley, Sarah Ternay; Junior Warden – Wayne Rowbotham; Vestry for One Year Unfulfilled Term – Jim Gibbs; Diocesan Convention Delegates – Becky Foster, Donna Freidel, Bobby Kramer; Convocation Delegates – Cole Banning, Eric Cephas, Becky Foster, Gretchen Owen, Rachael Owen, Stephanie Wolfgang.
- XI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Wayne Rowbotham
Clerk of the Vestry