



Annual Meeting  
January 28, 2018

**MINUTES**

*The mission of Faith Episcopal Church is to pursue a deeper understanding of the mystery of God, to offer the hospitality of the Gospel, and to work for a just and compassionate community.*

- 1) The annual meeting of the congregation of Faith Episcopal Church was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2017 annual meeting.
- 3) Stewardship Results: Kathleen Costello acknowledged the hosts of the stewardship events: Scott & Amber Blasingham; Deborah Gannon & Patricia Rotter; Nancy & John Kendrick; Betty Mitchell; Andrea Paddock; Lisa & Kip Wells; and Anne & Pete Wilke. She acknowledged those who had offered stewardship messages during services in September and October: members of the Goof Troop, Jeanne & Mike Dmytriw; and Kate Smiley. Results were a 26% increase in pledged contributions from 34 pledging units (14 of which increased their giving, 7 of which were first-time donors, and 14 of which were for multiple years). Cindy Louter explained that the long term plan for clergy staffing and congregational growth is based on the congregation's input from town halls and dialogues throughout 2017. She spoke with Bishop Taylor about the plan in December, and last week Bishop Bruce recommended we submit a request to the Diocese that Rev. Dawn Vukich be appointed Vicar.
- 4) Treasurer's Report and Approval of 2018 Budget: Janet Chisholm reported a \$3,000 surplus of income over expenses for 2017, and presented a balanced budget for 2018. Deferred maintenance projects completed in the past two years include replacing the roof, remodeling the offices, and provisioning the Godly Play program. The 2018 budget includes two items we didn't have last year: a half-time administrator position and 10 hours per week in addition to Sunday services for clergy. In light of the expanded time base for clergy, the budget also includes one-third of the cost of health/life insurance for that position. A Kawai baby grand piano (value ~\$8,000) was donated and replaces the one that has been on long-term loan to us. This is our third year without a Mission Share Fund grant from the Diocese; we may apply in 2018 for a 2019 grant to help defray clergy costs. We pay a percentage of pledge and plate to the Diocese. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2018 budget.
- 5) Presentation of Nominees for Bishop's Committee: Cindy Louter presented the candidates identified by the nominating committee to fill three slots for three-year terms on the Bishop's Committee: Marsha Bardwell, Deborah Gannon, and Bryan Price. A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect the candidates.
- 6) Presentation of Nominees for 2018 Diocesan Convention: Cindy Louter presented the candidates Barbara Kimler (Delegate) and Janet Chisholm (Alternate). A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect the delegates.
- 7) Ministries of Faith. Cindy Louter explained that there are many opportunities for people to serve at Faith and invited people to consider participation in the teams. Reports from some of the ministry teams are included in the agenda packet.
- 8) Recognition and thanks. Cindy Louter acknowledged three members who have completed their terms: Mike Dmytriw, Geof Farnsworth, and Lisa Pickford. Nancy Skelley presented Cindy with a gift from the congregation in appreciation for serving as Bishop's Warden for four consecutive terms.

- 9) Message from Incoming Bishop's Warden. Anne Wilke explained that Bishop Taylor had appointed her Bishop's Warden. Anne reported that the Bishop's Committee would appoint Jeanne Dmytriw to complete the third year of Kathleen Costello's term; Kathleen will continue to serve as scribe in an ex-officio capacity. Anne presented details of her professional résumé and highlights of her 27-year history of affiliation with Faith. She stated that Faith has moved beyond the survival mode of the past few years and that her strategic planning skills can be of use now. Her role on the Bishop's Committee will be to step back and consider priorities. Everyone is invited to share their ideas or concerns with Lorelei, Rev. Dawn, or Anne.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Costello

*Approved January 27, 2019*