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### ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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St. Anne's annual Parish Meeting was held immediately following Eucharist on Sunday, November 12. In addition to the business agenda, the event included a potluck soup lunch and time for fellowship. Brandon Medley offered the lunch blessing.

- Senior Warden Rich McDonald gave a welcome and a brief update on the Vestry work for the past year.
- Junior Warden Shelly Schmeisser recognized 2023 Vestry members (listed below), with special thanks to Erin Campbell, Jill Coogle, Jenna Claire Riddle, and Pat Walker, whose service terms end January 1, 2024.
  - Erin Campbell, Adult Formation Liaison
  - Jill Coogle, Stewardship/Finance Liaison
  - Joe Falcone, Outreach Liaison
  - Jeff Gibbs, Rector Search Liaison
  - Kim Jacobs, Youth/Mission Liaison
  - Sherry McCullough, Parish Life/Newcomers Liaison
  - Rich McDonald, Senior Warden
  - Jenna Claire Riddle, Kitchen Liaison
  - Shelly Schmeisser, Junior Warden
  - Karen Smith, pastoral Care Liaison
  - Pat Walker, Worship Liaison
  - Brian Yost, Adult Formation Liaison
  - Lorie Felton, Treasurer
  - Pam Leonard, Clerk
- Vestry Election
  - Mtr. Leeann Culbreath presided over the election of four new Vestry members. Nominees included:
    - Kristifer Bell
    - Justin Cook
    - David Fant
    - Heather Newberry
    - Alan Smith
  - A consensus was reached with one voting ballot. Those elected to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024, were:
    - Kristifer Bell
    - Justin Cook
    - Heather Newberry
    - Alan Smith

- Rector Search Committee Chair Jeannie Rigdon reported on the progress of the Rector's Search.
- Treasurer Lorie Felton shared financial summaries for the year.
- Junior Warden Shelly Schmeisser presented amendments proposed by the Vestry to ensure St. Anne's By-Laws are consistent with the Canons of the Episcopal Church. A non-discrimination clause is also recommended. These proposals were presented to the congregation two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
  - They are as follows:
    - ▶ Article III – Add the non-discrimination clause from the Canons:  
*No one shall be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, governance, or employment of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital or family status (including pregnancy or child care plans), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by the Canons of The Episcopal Church.*
    - ▶ Article IV – Strike current information and replace with:  
*The Parish will have members. Members of the Parish are defined in the Canons of The Episcopal Church [Title 1, Canon 17], and whose names are duly enrolled as such in the register of the Parish.*
    - ▶ Article V, Section 4 – Strike current information and replace with:  
*Each member who is an adult communicant in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. There shall be no vote by proxy. Voting by absentee ballot shall be allowed only if the Parish adopts a written absentee voting procedure delineating the criteria for the use of an absentee ballot and provides reasonable notice of such procedure prior to each election. All matters excluding amendments to these By-Laws shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote.*
    - ▶ Article VIII, Section 3, Number 1 – Strike current information and replace with:  
*Be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing as defined by the Canons of the Episcopal Church.*
  - After time for questions and discussion, the proposed amendments were approved by parish vote.
- Mtr. Leeann Culbreath, Priest in Charge, shared information on the state of the parish and her work during the past year.
- Pat Walker closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Leonard