



St. James, Higganum

Annual Meeting

January 12, 2014

In Attendance: Jere Adametz; Anne Aloia; Kathy Anderson; Alice Bartolotta; Helen Bernhardt; Jim Bradley; Howard Burr; Barbara Collins; Ken Cotrone; Cheryl Czuba; Winnie Distefano; Peter Floyd; Mary Lou Heger; Elaine Jackson; Barbara Keefe; Barbara Kish; Karen Krol; Chris Lassen; Nancy LePard; Wayne LePard; Greg McAllister; Linda McAllister; Bea Melino; Carolyn Parmelee; Ed Patrick; Rae Patrick; Temmi Pieszak; Steve Shomaker; Amy Soobitsky; Grace Smith; Nancy Thompson and Richard Thompson. Also in attendance: Emily Lassen, and (Ed and Rae's daughter?).

Meeting called to order at 10:10am.

Missioners report. As printed in packet.

Approval of voting list. Approved.

Approval of the minutes from 2013 annual meeting: Approved.

Financial report: There was a question about whether there was a plan to make up \$6,000 in deficits. There was a question about why the amount for MACM payment went up. Why are pledges down? There

was a question about why the memorial fund was not included in the budget, and furnace. Budget approved.

Buildings and grounds: Anne reported that the following had been done over the last year:

1. Finished window payment
2. New shed
3. New furnace
4. Reinsulated under the church
5. Reinforced beams under the church
6. Children's garden
7. Miscellaneous jobs done by parishioners around the hall and church.

Church School see attached.

Saybrook residential Home: see attached.

Memorial Fund: see attached.

Stites Fund: see attached.

Altar Guild: see attached.

Stewardship: see attached.

Additions to and approval of the slate for vestry, cluster council and deanery were asked for and Jeff Feaster-Smith was added to slate for vestry. Slate was approved. Slate attached.

New business: A discussion on whether or not to keep the organ followed by a secret ballot vote. It was voted on to remove the organ. 22 votes were in favor of removing the organ, 9 were in favor of keeping the organ and 1 vote was in favor of removing the organ and keeping the pipes displayed.

Peter suggested that the vestry and community get together to discuss what we might look like in 5 years. Anne suggested a pot luck dinner and discussion one night in January.

It was asked if there was any suggestion to have more fundraisers or ways to get people involved.

A committee under buildings and grounds will be formed to review changes to the liturgical space.

Upcoming events:

The corned beef dinner will be on March 15-Barb Kish and Elaine Jackson will be co-chairs.

Holiday Fair turkey dinner will be chaired by Peter Floyd.

The Golf tournament fundraiser will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be chaired by Frank Aloia and Mike Kish.

The chicken dinner will be in September this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am

Respectfully submitted;

Howard Burr

Vestry Clerk

The minutes presented here have not been approved. They will be voted on for approval at the 2015 annual meeting. HJB