

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
St. James Episcopal Church
January 27, 2019

Reverend Linda Young opened the annual meeting during the celebration of the Eucharist. In lieu of a sermon, she covered her annual report, much of it spent thanking individuals and groups for their support. The annual meeting continued over brunch. At 10:28 the meeting was continued in the parish hall.

1. HAITI. Alan Adams of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in , San Diego spoke first. He talked about St. Bartholomew's efforts to build a school in rural village in east/central Haiti. This outreach project started 4 years ago. This school in Lornette Haiti is allied with one of 20 churches managed by 1 priest. Each of these churches also has a school. Saint Bartholomew's started to build a church for one of the churches. Alan Adams stressed how important it is to build relationships with the community of Lornette. St. Bartholomew's hopes to hold 2 mission trips a year. They have done one medical mission trip They brought a doctor who saw about 250 patients in 2 days. They have also sent a a youth mission, but they had to cancel one (scheduled for last Nov.) due to some security issues. This school serves 100 students daily and the goal is to reach 250 students. Nobody can afford tuition, so it operates without one. St. Bart's subsidizes the whole thing. No child is turned away. Tuition not a factor. St. Bartholomew's pays for the teacher, the hot meal daily. Another medical mission with two doctors saw 270 patients. Possible future projects include getting water into the school, and a deacon's apartment. Discernment is underway.

Last year St. James sent 1,500 to SB for school supplies. The money went down with Mr. Adams on the last trip. It purchased 120 Math Workbooks through Minister of Education, a visual dictionary of Creole to French, lots of student notebooks, teacher resources and toilet paper. The leftover will probably go to 30-40 backpacks. They are hoping to get French workbooks.

Mr. Adams listed how St. James can continue to be involved.

1. Partner with SB.
2. Involvement at any level --- money, mission trips, adult medical missions, youth trips (in a few years). Youth must be in high school. Younger kids can go with parents on a case by case basis.

Two students from the youth program evinced interest! Doug Adams presented money from our outreach ministry to Mr. Adams.

2. ELECTIONS. Rev. Young announced four vestry vacancies. We have three candidates: Lorena O'English, Jim Reece, Doug Adams. Jan Stewart was nominated.

Beth Burns proposed acceptance of the slate. The slate was unanimously accepted by acclaim.

Rev. Young announced we need three delegates for Convention and three alternates. We have three people interested in the delegate slots: : Sharon Nitz, Gia Gordon, Jane Sielken.

We need 3 alternates. Roy said he would self nominate as an alternate. Sylvia and Dave Hutton were nominated as alternates.

Liz Siler proposed we accept these slates. These slates were accepted by acclaim.

3. INCLUSION STATEMENT. Copies of the inclusion statement were passed out. Rev. Young pointed out that TEC says we accept "all." This is an attempt to pinpoint --- who are all? By explicitly including those traditionally excluded and/or rejected by the Christian church. The vestry has affirmed this. This statement was discussed for five minutes. .

Rev. Young called for a vote to accept this statement. This was affirmed by acclaim.

4. SURVEY. Todd Butler, Senior Warden, thanked the congregation for the inclusion statement vote and introduced the survey. He pointed out this is not a pitch to get more people doing more. It is an attempt to do human resource management. Time was given to fill out the survey.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT. Copies were distributed. People with questions should email Doug Adams. There are some overestimations in terms of payroll taxes. Lots of people do the work, Dave Hutton, the bookkeeper, etc. Doug Adams gave the report highlights. We continue to do what we have done.

Catherine Ritchie noted that the Rector's salary is not in the report. Came to attention that a page was not in the report. That page includes most salaries. St. James will send the corrected version of this report to the parish.

6. NOMINATIONS AND CONTINUANCES:

Treasurer: A slate consisting of Kaylee Hammerich (Treasurer) , Doug Adams (Associate), Dave Hutton (Assistant) was presented, noted, and affirmed by acclamation.

Secretary: Liz Siler was presented to continue as the Vestry secretary. This was affirmed.

Senior Warden: This position will be held by Travis Ridout.

Junior Warden: Charlie Hammerich has agreed to continue as Junior Warden.

7. THANKS. Thanks were given to those leaving the Vestry. Jan Stewart and Doug Adams and Todd Butler and Eric Pratt. Jan Stewart and Doug Adams will be back on vestry! Eric Pratt was not here to get his gift.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS. The regular schedule resumes next week.

The meeting ended at 11:25 a.m. with a hymn.

Respectfully submitted by

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