The 157th St. James Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 27, 2019
St. James Undercroft

This meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2019 was postponed a week due to inclement weather.

Call to order and opening:
At 11:20 am, Fr Rob Willmann called the annual meeting for 2019 to order with the Lord’s Prayer

Appointment of clerk of the meeting:
Eric Blake moved that Mindy Rush be appointed clerk. John Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of 2019 Agenda:
Eric Blake made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Barbara White seconded the motion. Motion was carried to accept the agenda.

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes:
John Benson made a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara White seconded the motion. Motion was carried to accept minutes as submitted.

Acknowledgement of 2019 Retiring Vestry Members:
Father Willmann acknowledged and thanked retiring Vestry members – Martha Staley, Bob Welsh and Jane Ellen Wiles, Jr. Warden Barbara Saunders, and Sr. Warden Evan Abood

2019 Vestry Nominees:
Senior Warden – Evan Abood
Junior Warden – Barbara Saunders
Vestry – Jim Hoskinson, Beth Burton and Pat Longshore
Not further names were submitted. A motion was made by John Benson to close the ballot and unanimously accept these nominees as the new vestry members This motion was seconded by Bud Linn. Motion carried.

Appointment of Tellers for 2019 election:
No tellers were needed as the new members were unanimously accepted.

The 2018 Vestry Election:
Sr. Warden – Evan Abood
Jr. Warden – Barbara Saunders
Vestry – Beth Burton, Jim Hoskinson and Pat Longshore

Delegates to convention:
The following parishioners who have volunteered to serve as delegates to the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio are Evan Abood, John and Susan Benson and Lee Donoho
Treasurer’s Report for 2018
Eleanor Bailey reviewed the financial reports for 2018.

- Areas of increase in the budget for 2019 were reflective of expenditures incurred in 2018.
- Staff was given a 3% raise.
- Fr. Willmann has indicated, in order to assist in balancing the budget, to have the following line items budget areas placed in “escrow” and only to be received by him should St. James have an overage in finances at the end of 2019 of at $10,000.00. Should the parish not have an overage of $10,000.00 these funds may be used to assist in balancing the budget.
  - Continuing Education - $1,000.00.
  - Mileage - $2,000.00.
  - Sabbatical fund - $1,000.00.
  - Business Expenses - $2,000.00.
- Concern was again raised about the amount of mission share St. James pays, but as this is a diocese obligation it will be paid.
- In order to ensure the long-term availability of funds from the endowment, it was encouraged that a lower percentage be received.
- Line item budget – Music
- Concern was expressed about the amount of money budgeted to the music program ($1,000). After discussion Lee Dayton made a motion to approve to approve all but the music portion of the budget. Barba White seconded the motion. Motion carried. The music budget will be finalized after music director, David Schubach, has an opportunity to address the vestry directly.

Rector’s Report for 2018
Father Willmann oral report consisted of these points:

- He was happy to be with the parish
- He will be back on March 3rd
- Fr. Willmann indicated that St. James had great leadership and added a special thanks to Evan Abood, Barbara Saunders and Eleanor Bailey, Linda O’Neill and Lee and Michelle Dayton.
- Fr. Willmann also took a moment to welcome and recognize new parishioners.
- He would also indicated that we needed a grant writer. Pam Kirst volunteered to do so.

The Senior Warden’s Report for 2018:
No additional comments were made

The Junior Warden’s 2018:
No additional comments were made.
2018 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Hospitality**
Jane Donoho asks that parishioners consider signing up for at least 2 coffee hours.

**Building and Grounds**
Sherry Gillespie reviewed the report for ECW as well information regarding Shrove Tuesday.

**Friendship Dinner Committee:**
Additional comments by Susan Benson
  - Thank you to all for your financial contribution, contributions of time, contributions of desserts, mittens scarves and socks.

**Music:**
Additional comments from David Schubach.
  - Thanks to the choir and thanks for being so flexible.

**Altar Guild**
Additional comments by Susan Benson
  - Thank you to Charlie and Jeanann Dickerson and Pat Rush for their help.

**LayWeeders**
Additional comments by Dianne Ischy
  - Unfortunately, the garden fountain pump has died.

**Capital Campaign (Your Church, Our Church, My Church)**
Additional comments by Ray Gillespie
  - The air conditioning replacement for the sanctuary was to begin in the spring.
  - Hittle roof will be called to fix the flat portion of the roof.

**NEW BUSINESS**
No new business

**Final request for questions or comments:**
Father Willmann asked for any final comments or questions. There were none

**Adjourn**
Barbara White made a motion to adjourn. Evan Abood seconded the motion. This motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Mindy Rush, clerk