

2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting – Sunday, January 18, 2015

Attendance: 61

Quorum:

The Clerk announced that there is a quorum present – over 10% of the parish.

Minutes from 2014 were accepted as presented.

**SLATE OF NOMINEES 2015
PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Bishop's Committee

- Wayne Trombly Senior Warden –
2 yr. term
- John Svitak, Treasurer – 3 month
term
- Lyn Rockwell, Clerk– 3 month term
- Dave Cosio – 3 yr. term
- Pat Wright – 3 yr. term
- Ken Swenson – 3 yr. term
- Robin Flynn – 2 yr. term

Delegates to Convention

- Barbara Hughes - 2 yr. term
- Jean Sanders - 2 yr. term

Assessors

- Ann Holland – 1 yr. term
- Marilyn Towne – 1 yr. term



(l-r) Rockwell, Flynn, Wright, Swenson, Towne, Svitak, Hughes, Sanders, Trombly

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Voting took place according to the By-Laws, which state that each nominee must be voted on individually.¹ For each nominee individually, a motion to approve was made and seconded, and there being no discussion, for each nominee individually, in each instance, a unanimous **VOTE** to accept was cast by those present.

The following were recognized for their service to the church.

- Denis Giangregorio – one year as Assessor
- Christine Collins, for her five year service as Senior Warden.

Treasurer's Report for 2014: Mr. Svitak referred members to the year-end financials as published in the 2015 Annual Report, which was distributed last week. Mr. Svitak began by expressing his heartfelt thanks to parish members for responding to the Special Lenten Appeal in April, which succeeded in raising the additional funds needed to bridge the \$16,000 gap between total pledge dollars, and the dollars needed to fund our annual financial plan. After considerable discussion and review by the Bishop's Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Stewardship Ministry Team, it was decided to hold a special Lenten Appeal to ask parishioners to consider increasing the level of their annual pledge thru the balance of the year, or to make a special onetime gift, perhaps as an Easter or memorial donation. Mr. Svitak also thanked the Bishop and the Diocese for their many contributions and support, both financial and otherwise, in response to special needs and ministries at St. Christopher's. Mr. Svitak also reported that the AA groups that meet at the church had increased their donation to the church by 35%, in response to their awareness of ongoing budgetary concerns.

Oliver Ford, Chairman of the Finance Committee, discussed the Financial Plan (proposed budget) for 2015, which is published in the 2014 Annual Report.



The role of the Finance Committee is to recommend a budget based on St. Christopher's resources. He said the Finance Committee has created a process that will enable the church to move forward in confidence to meet the goals and objectives it has set for itself and also to take decisive action to implement changes the parish has indicated it wishes to be made.

In closing, Christine Collins, completing her last term as Senior Warden, thanked the parish for their support during her tenure as Chairman. "As Senior Warden," she said, "I have been able to get to know so many of my St. Christopher's family in ways I may not have if I wasn't involved. I have a deeper appreciation for the work that is done to make St. Christopher's the place that it is. I am truly blessed to have had this experience of spiritual growth and to have shared this journey with my St. Christopher's family. Please continue to carry out the many missions of St. Christopher's with the same hard work, dedication and passion that I have seen over the last 5 years and continue to strive to move mountains."

¹ "The Nominating Committee nominates (name) for the office of (blank). Nominations are now open from the floor. Are there any further nominations for the office of (name)?" After nominations are received from the floor, usually the Senior Warden closes the nominations by general consent. Then follows, "We will now vote on the seat for office of (name), all those in favor of ... (and so on.)"

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Since 2010, Christine has held the top lay leadership position in the parish, requiring a formidable commitment of time and energy, and an intense devotion to her ministry. Under her leadership we have made a difference in the lives of our parishioners, and a strengthening of our ability to reach out to those to whom Christ would have us minister. Leaving us on solid ground, she has given us the confidence to maintain current and plan future pastoral initiatives, and advance God's vision through the community of faithful of St. Christopher's. Often pulled in different directions, she has to make difficult choices involving her own personal needs, the needs of her family, or the needs of her parishioners. She has been a powerful, consistent and positive role model whose influence will be felt in our parish for many years to come.



Wayne Trombly, newly-elected Senior Warden, paid tribute to Christine at the Annual Meeting.

“After reading your Senior Warden’s comments in the last few years’ annual reports and having the pleasure of serving with you on the Bishop’s Committee, the constant for me is: you

always appreciated, admired, encouraged and thanked everyone for the time and energy they expended on behalf of the family that is St Christopher’s. Now it is our honor to thank you! As a number’s guy, I attempted to calculate the number of hours you spent at meetings, on the phone, reading and answering emails, putting out fires, etc, etc over the last 5 years as our Senior Warden, and my final analysis is, WOW! WOW, you must be exhausted!!

Today I speak for the entire congregation in extending our admiration and heartfelt thanks for your leadership. St Christopher’s has grown spiritually, ministries have flourished, fellowship is thriving and divergent opinions were encouraged during your watch. The impact of your service to Our Lord, Jesus Christ will always be with us. Thank You ! Thank You!”



The meeting concluded with the presentation of the 2014 and 2015 Linda and John Svitak Award for Exceptional Service to Cynthia and Bob Salois (2015) and Karen and Dick Groves (2014).

There was a motion to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lyn Rockwell, Clerk

