

**All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church**  
***Annual Meeting***  
**Sunday, February 16, 2016**

Before the final blessing of the single service held at **9:00a.m.**, Rev. Aimee convened the Annual Meeting starting with a hymn and a prayer:

*Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those of us who take counsel at All Saints-by-the-Sea for the renewal and mission of your church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it, and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Rev. Aimee established that a quorum was present so we could proceed to the business of the meeting, and she verified that everyone had received the Agenda/Annual Report and a ballot from the ushers. Rev. Aimee reminded us that the annual meeting is truly *God's work*.

David Telleen-Lawton, The Chair of our Nominating Committee and Jr. Warden, presented the **nominees for election**. (see printed ballot) **The Nominee Report** had previously been posted in the church office as required in the Church By-Laws. The nominees were each asked to stand as David introduced them to the congregation.

David then gave brief instructions on completing, signing and folding the ballots. After which all completed ballots were collected for tabulation by the Clerk of the Vestry, Pamela Hawes, assisted by usher Dr. Frank DiTirro

While this process was accomplished, **Treasurer** Fred Allen reported on the 2015 financials and the 2016 budget recently approved by our Vestry. He once again spoke to the budget shortfall and our need to broaden and deepen our stewardship.

**The Senior Warden's Report** was next presented by Tom Mack who spent time highlighting the many *gifts* enjoyed by ASBTS, but also emphasized the importance and necessity of *getting our financial house in order* by striving to balance our annual church operating budget. By operating at a deficit over the past several years, All Saints has managed to deplete our undesignated reserve funds by half , leaving

approximately \$600,000K. Good stewardship mandates that we find a way to curtail this usage.

Rev. Aimee offered her **Rector's Reflections**, a follow-up to her earlier sermon and printed **Rector's Report**, indicating that while our financial situation may sound like bad news, she sees it as a promise and opportunity to live into God's abundant future for All Saints. *"As we seek to be better stewards of our financial resources, so we want to harvest the human resources with which God has blessed us."*

Rev. Aimee also encourages us all to thoroughly read the Annual Report so we may better appreciate the life and thriving ministries of ASBTS, and to look for ways to become involved in this good work.

At this time Rev. Aimee took time for **affirmations** by inviting up and thanking each of the outgoing chairs of our major ministries, along with the new heads of these committees:

Leaving Outreach Committee is Susan Evans, replaced by Joe Rawls,  
Leaving Altar Guild is Daphne VonEssen, replaced by Linda Chapman,  
Leaving Finance Committee is George Ittner, replaced by Philip Hawes,  
Leaving the Parish School board is Ladeen Miller, replaced by Sally Green.  
George & Sally Messerlian have taken on duties of Acolyte Coordinators.

Retiring Vestry members: Steb Chandor, Sally Green, Ladeen Miller, and Alex Williams were also offered appreciation for their years of service and each given a traditional Episcopal label pin.

The **Report of Election Results** was presented by the Clerk: well more than a majority of the quorum present at the meeting elected each candidate nominated, and they are so elected to their respective offices. The ballots will be available, along with these Minutes for inspection at the Church Office by any member.

The three **newly elected Vestry members** (Steven Schiable, Caryn Reeder and Michael Swift, as well as our returning vestry members: Susan Evans and Raye Haskell) were called up and provided with their bright blue vestry nametags. At this point, Rev. Aimee announced that **Tom Mack** has agreed to serve again as Vestry **Senior Warden** in 2016. Rev. Aimee offered a blessing of gratitude to both retiring and in-coming vestry members.

At the close of the meeting, Rev. Aimee invited questions or comments from any church member. Sam Young stood and implored the congregation to hold up children's ministries for the highest consideration and priority as the future of our church. Alice Scott shared her feelings that this was the most informative and loving annual meeting in her 55 years attending ASBTS.

After a closing hymn and prayer, Rev. Aimee duly adjourned the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hawes, 2015 Clerk