

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:30 a.m. – Community Room

I. Call to Order, Welcome – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m., welcomed everyone, offered the opening prayer, and led all present in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

II. Appointment of Tellers, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Clerk – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins appointed Carol Berman, Lindsay Taylor, and Doug Torbeck as Tellers; David Rauschenberg as Parliamentarian; and Craig Anderson as Clerk.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins asked those in attendance for review and approval of the agenda. Judy Tammi moved, and Nancy Carney seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Nominations – Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden

Vestry Nominations Slate

Through notice in St. Michael's weekly newsletter, in addition to the opportunity to vote at the Annual Meeting, parishioners have been provided with the opportunity to vote via email ballot prior to the Annual Meeting for the slate of candidates for the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and members of the Vestry.

Lindsay Taylor reported that the candidates for the Vestry are Bill Ferry, Senior Warden, 1-year term; Liz Gabis, Junior Warden, 1-year term; Paul Carrubba, Vestry Member, 3-year term; Amy Hoff, Vestry Member, 3-year term; and Jeff Tolle, Vestry Member, 3-year term.

Diocesan Convention Delegates

The candidates for delegates to the Diocesan Convention are Tom Duffy, Ellen Lindeen, and Kevin Taylor. There being no objection, by acclamation Tom Duffy, Ellen Lindeen, and Kevin Taylor were approved as St. Michael's delegates to the 2024 Diocesan Convention.

Start the Clock

In accordance with parish bylaws, the minimum period of 30 minutes for casting of any additional ballots for Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and members of the Vestry began at 11:45 a.m.

V. Senior Warden Report – Lindsay Taylor

Lindsay Taylor reviewed the past year at St. Michael's, including celebration of the 75th anniversary of the parish, commented that she is looking forward into 2024, and made special note of healing at St. Michael's. Lindsay expressed her thanks to the parish for allowing her to serve as Senior Warden.

VI. Financial Presentation, Q&A – John Davis, Treasurer

John Davis expressed his thanks to Carol Hebert for the work she does each week with respect to parish finances and for her assistance in the preparation of the annual report.

John provided a summary review of St. Michael's 2023 financial report, including actual revenue and expenditures compared to budgeted revenue and expenditures. With respect to 2024, John reviewed noteworthy items, offered a pledge analysis, and commented on the balance sheet, along with historical trends.

VII. Rector's Report – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins commented on St. Michael's sound fiscal condition as of 2023 year-end and projected for 2024, as well as the upward trend in worship service attendance. He noted that St. Michael's is now a transition size parish, based on an attendance categorization system which uses designations of family, pastoral, transition, and program. Fr. Perkins also noted that the life cycle of a parish includes redevelopment.

Fr. Perkins reviewed St. Michael's 75th anniversary year activities, including worship, social events, building projects, and outreach; provided a progress update on St. Michael's Preservation Fund; led parishioners in a Word Cloud exercise pertaining to "St. Michael's: A Place of God's Healing"; and reviewed ideas and plans for St. Michael's for 2024. He offered that St. Michael's is at a pretty good point of redevelopment and encouraged us to keep working on it.

VIII. Open Floor – Q&A

During this opportunity it was noted that St. Michael's gift shop recently attracted a customer from outside the parish; Lent will include discussion forums; and a Lenten devotional booklet will be available. Also, there was mention of focus on what else we can do to bring people here for healing and the status of the 2024 Church Directory was reviewed.

IX. Report on Elections – Fr. Jesse Perkins (after at least 30 minutes)

Verification of Quorum Based on at Least 50 Votes

As of 12:39 p.m., the Tellers reported that a total of at least 50 Yes votes were cast for the slate of candidates as presented for Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and members of the Vestry.

Vestry and Wardens – Vestry Oath

Fr. Perkins administered the oath of office to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and members of the Vestry.

X. Bill Ferry, Senior Warden (newly elected)

Bill Ferry thanked the outgoing members of the Vestry for their service and welcomed the new members. Bill noted that he is blessed to have such a good team, which has made St. Michael's so welcoming. He offered that the local church is the hope of the world and expressed his thanks for everyone's support.

XI. Closing Prayer and Blessing

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer and a blessing.

XII. Adjourn

There being no objection, by acclamation the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk