

Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
Hamilton, Georgia

The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church was held January 8, 2017. Father Jeff Jackson presided and opened with prayer.

Patty Hamilton was appointed secretary.

Father Jeff presented the following resolution:

Whereas Katherine Johnson has served a full 3-year term on the Vestry, 2 of which as Senior Warden, especially during sabbatical, and as chair of Pastoral Care, and

Whereas Nick Simpson has served a full 3-year term on the Vestry, 2 of which as Junior Warden, and as liaison for Finance, overseeing a complete transfer of bookkeeping, and

Whereas Sheri Cody has served a full 3-year term on the Vestry as liaison for Communications, as well as spearheading our Blessings to Go efforts and our Journey to Adulthood program, and

Whereas Kin Brown has served 2 years on the Vestry as liaison and co-chair of Outreach, overseeing our connection to the BackSnacks program, and

Whereas Dave Halmrast has served a full term as Treasurer and chair of Finance, and

Whereas Bob and Patty Hamilton have served as representatives to Diocesan Annual Council, and

Whereas Bobo Morgan has served a full term as chair of Buildings and Grounds, and

Whereas Scott Crowley has served a full term as chair of Communications, and

Whereas Tom Cheatham has served a full term as chair of Hospitality, and

Whereas Bob Hamilton has served multiple terms as chair of Adult Formation, and

Whereas Linda Sawyer has served multiple terms as Flower Guild chair, and

Whereas Bert Tomlin has served multiple terms as Altar Guild chair, and

Whereas Sue Halmrast has served multiple terms as Lay Eucharistic Ministers chair,

Be it resolved that the Rector, Vestry, and congregation of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church give our most sincere gratitude and love to these individuals for their service to Christ and his Church.

Motion was made and seconded to pass the resolution.

Stewards of the Month for 2016 were recognized. Katelyn Flynn for Back Snacks; Sheila and Chris Dixon, Skeeter and Denise Cotton for Mardi Gras; Kenny Hall for clearing land; Jan Pylant and Judy Jenks for recycling; Dave Halmrast for securing mortgage loan; Bobo Morgan, Tom Cheatham, Sheri Cody, Chris Butzon, Steve Morse and Larry Nordin for yard mowing; Sheri Cody for J2A, Lobsterfest, PCOM, needlepoint and yard maintenance; Martha Dimon for Lobsterfest; Cottage Meeting hosts Kin and Beth Brown, Scott and Rebecca Crowley, Dave and Sue Halmrast, Bob and Patty Hamilton, Steve Morse and William Morgan; Beth Brown for Stewardship.

Outgoing vestry members Kin Brown, Sheri Cody, Katherine Johnson and Nick Simpson were presented with gifts in appreciation of their service.

The slate of nominees for vestry was presented. They are Drucye Cox and Jennifer Milton. After hearing no nominations from the floor and after a motion duly made and seconded, the slate was elected.

The following committee appointments were announced: Nick Simpson, Treasurer and Finance Chair; Chris Butzon, Worship; Children and Youth, Rebecca Crowley; Adult Formation, David Johnson; Buildings and Grounds, Bill Caudill; Lobsterfest, Martha Dimon; Altar Guild, Rose Brent; Flower Guild, Bert Tomlin; Graham Horne, Ushers; Marci Horne, Acolytes; Communications, Carleen Frokjer; Hospitality, Bob Hamilton; Pastoral Care, Judy Jenks; Parish Life, Phebe Robertson and Steve Morse; Stewardship, Beth Brown. A chair is still being sought for Outreach and for LEMs.

Father Jeff announced the appointment of Sue Halmrast as Senior Warden for 2017. Katherine Johnson presented Sue with a cross that was a gift from John McEachern to then Senior Warden Sue Halmrast in 2008. The cross has been passed to each Senior Warden since that time.

Outgoing Junior Warden, Nick Simpson was absent due to illness. The parish thanks him for his service.

Father Jeff asked for questions regarding the treasurer's report and the proposed budget. Bill Caudill pointed out that the vestry and finance committee worked for months to achieve a balanced budget. It was through the additional commitments of some vestry and finance committee members to the "Share a Mortgage Payment" program that the budget was balanced. The program invites parishioners

to commit to a mortgage payment or a portion of a payment. The vestry and finance committee will continue the work of finding additional revenues.

Questions and discussions from the floor were heard. Katherine urged the parish to continue Connect the Threads theme used this year. Sue Halmrast reported on the cottage meetings headed by the stewardship committee. The recommitment to a youth program was praised. Father Jeff touched on the problem of homeless children in Harris County. David Johnson asked the parish to pray for the Native Americans in respect to encroachment on their holy grounds. David was asked to add a prayer to the weekly Prayers of the People. Connie Blackmon brought up the question of how best to educate the community regarding other religions and cultures and to dissipate the anger that is sometimes associated with those differences. All were encouraged to get involved with TAP and other programs designed to teach understanding.

With no other business before the parish, the meeting was adjourned.

Patty Hamilton,
Clerk