SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2025
Pending approval

Call to order: The Reverend Doctor Eric Biddy, Rector, called to order the Annual Meeting for the 275th Year of Saint Paul's Church, Augusta, Georgia, at 9:30 a.m. in the River Room. Father Biddy opened the meeting with prayer.

Copies of the agenda, annual report, and minutes from last year's meeting were distributed.

Vestry nominations: Father Biddy explained that the purpose of the meeting is to record the parish's choices of candidates for Vestry to be presented for formal election at the Church's Easter meeting. **The Rector nominated Charlie Tudor as the candidate for Junior Warden—it was approved by acclimation. The Nominating Committee proposed: Jerry Ashmore, Linda Hardy, and Tom Robertson as candidates for the three year terms on Vestry and Tom Cathey for the one year term remaining on the unexpired term of Charlie Tudor.** John Robertson moved to close nominations to the Vestry. Billy Badger seconded. Father Biddy called for a vote and **the nominations were approved by acclimation.** The five nominees will stand for election on April 21 at the Easter Monday Meeting of the Parish on the front steps of the church.

Rector's report: Father Biddy reported on the 275th anniversary year of Saint Paul's. 2024 was a good year. He commended all the people who work to make our services and ministries run smoothly. He reviewed many of the ways Saint Paul's helped the hundreds of neighbors who took refuge in our church after Hurricane Helene. We loved our neighbors as ourselves. For 275 years people have come here to be comforted, to learn, to put their faith into action, to give their time and skills to the kingdom of God through Saint Paul's. We have inherited generations of faithfulness. Some of this faithfulness has been embodied in three Christians who have given so much: Minta Nixon who served on the Linen Guild for many years; Monty Osteen who chaired the Finance Committee so we can fund the ministries to which we have felt called; and Carolyn Dolen as a member of the choir, a verger the scheduling of the lectors and our Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Each of these people were commended and thanked for their long service to Saint Paul's.

Senior Warden's report: Kitty Gordon reported on what will be going on in 2025: Formation; Outreach; Invite, Welcome and Connect; and year-round Stewardship focusing on expressing gratitude. She expounded on the four areas and encouraged parishioners to become involved in any or all of those areas.

Approval of Minutes from last Year's Meeting: Rex Teeslink moved to accept the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting as distributed. John Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Father Biddy asked for any other business. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting with prayers at 10:00 a.m.

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