

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church  
Deer Isle, ME  
Sunday, July 30, 2017**

The 2017 Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Father Edward Dufrense. A quorum was present – 45 members were in attendance. After an opening prayer, Father Dufresne facilitated a parish discussion focused on the following questions:

1. Where do you think we have been as a congregation?
2. Where do you think we are now?
3. What do you hope St. Brendan's would be like in one to three years?
4. What are some strengths as a congregation St. Brendan's could build on in the year ahead?
5. What important issues should we address in the coming year as part of a plan for parish renewal?

The meeting continued with Senior Warden Woody Osborne presiding. The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Skip Greenlaw presented the committee's recommendations for officers, members of the Vestry, and delegates to the Diocesan Convention for the ensuing year:

Senior Warden	Elisabeth Ingoldsby
Junior Warden	Josephine Jacob
Clerk	Barbara Kourajian
Treasurer	Nathan 'Pete' Dane
Members-at-Large	Miriam Antich (3 year term) Richard Paget (1 year term)- filling Barbara Kourajian's unexpired term
Continuing Member- at-Large	Peter Tarlton (two years)

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Elisabeth Ingoldsby and Woodley Osborne

Alternates to Diocesan Convention: Julia Walkling and Robert Walkling

A motion was made to approve the report of the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Pete Dane will submit it by title. He mentioned that last year was a remarkable year considering where we began. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we paid all of our bills. This was no small feat considering the amount of our Diocesan assessment. Pete recognized the remarkable generosity of our anonymous donors who made it possible for us to pay-off our mortgage. Pete thanked Ruth Robinson for finding the donors.

The budget going forward is a deficit budget because the Vestry made a commitment to an increased priestly presence. Compared to where we were two years ago, Pete felt we were in remarkable shape. If you want budget details, please email him.

**Questions for Committee Chairs:**

Meg Graham would like us to go back and revisit the people we never paid in the building process. Pete replied it's not that we didn't pay them; they were subcontractors. Meg replied that we have ethical and moral considerations to keep in mind; she was concerned about relationships on the island. Meg asked the Vestry to look into this.

Mickey Jacoba asked if the congregation will see a budget for next year. Pete replied that the Finance Committee will draft a budget, which is based on the calendar year.

Skip Greenlaw commented that Carolyn Mor has done a fabulous job as our bookkeeper. We owe her a great debt of gratitude.

Several people expressed interest in seeing the numbers of the budget. This was deemed important, so people can respond to the Stewardship campaign. It was requested to have the budget included in the eNewsletter.

Bunny Reardon asked if the survey of the outside area addressed any of the issues regarding landscaping. The survey did not. We have tried to get someone to take this responsibility on. Bunny asked if there was money in the budget for landscaping. Skip thought there was \$500-\$600. Bunny suggested perhaps there was someone on the island that could benefit from a paid position to help us with this project. Discussion ensued on the topic including the need for a plan and budget for landscaping.

Mickey Jacoba asked Skip if had estimates for the items listed at the end of the Junior Warden report. Skip said we have a capital expenditure budget and he has estimates for some of these items.

Marilyn Verhey questioned the budget allotted for our music program as she thought it was woefully low. She spoke to an increase in pay for Connie commensurate with her abilities.

**Closing Remarks:**

Edward stated that at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be looking at a new budget and plans for the Stewardship appeal. We will consider a proposed Parish Renewal Plan which will set goals and prioritize what is most important to us.

Woody stated that the Vestry has committed itself to hiring a priest. To do that, he suggested we are going to have to grow the budget and perhaps our numbers a bit. He mentioned two areas that he keeps coming back to: Worship and Outreach. He said that today's service was a good example of what we would like our worship to look like. On the Outreach front, he mentioned Dinner is Served and the Windowdressers project. Woody commented: "engaging people in helping others is the most remarkable thing I've seen happening here the past couple of years."

Pete Dane thanked Woody Osborne and Skip Greenlaw for their years of service on the Vestry and thanked Lis Ingoldsby for having recently served and yet agreeing to return as Senior Warden. Woody closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian  
Clerk