

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**2015-2016 Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

Trinity Members Present: Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes; Keith Steinbeck, Sr. Warden; Phil Whitford, Jr. Warden; Adel Smith, Treasurer; Margaret Bostwick, Clerk; John Adams; Linda Deegan Adams; Debbie Albright; Gene Bostian; Bill Bostwick; Richard Bostwick; Katie Cossman; John Davis; Kim Davis; Paula DeRubeis; Douglas Dypold; Barb Ertl; Gary Ertl; Betty Gilbert; Sharon Grover; Dan Heerey; Marilyn Heerey; Susan Hunt-Wulkowicz; Linda Karrels; Mark Karrels; Rick Lutes; Richard Lynes; Rita Lynes; Jim McEvoy; Maxine McKilligan; Elizabeth Mullen; Emily Riley; Bill Roessler; Marlene Roessler; Debra Schultz; Edward G. Schultz III; Madison Schultz; Warren Smith; David Thill; Anne Wanke; Julie Westby; Monte Whitford; Karen Whitford; Suzanne Whitford; Thelma Wilcox; Sharon Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM. By Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

**Opening Prayer and Good News Stories.**

Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes opened the meeting with a prayer of thanks for all blessings and asked for guidance. She then asked for good news stories from the congregation.

- ❖ Anne Wanke reported that 1,380 rolls of toilet paper were collected for ECHO. She thanked all those who helped with this undertaking.
- ❖ Betty Gilbert said that there is a need for elves and toys for ECHO for the coming Christmas season.
- ❖ Mark Karrels is thankful for the good care he received during and after his surgery for myeloma of his foot. He took flat Jesus to the hospital with him and prayed for healing from Jesus. While he was out of his room a card was placed on his table saying, "Jesus cleaned his room while he was out, and if he needs anything, just ask". LOL!
- ❖ Mark Karrels father Clifford recently passed away. Mark wanted to share a story about that: Mark's Dad lived in Oshkosh. Shortly before his death Mark wanted to visit him but had obligations that would make it difficult to make the long trip. While eating at a Chinese restaurant he got a fortune cookie which read, "*One minute of time is worth more than a fortune of gold*". Mark made the trip and saw his Father before he passed. Mark thanked God for the wisdom, and we should remember that God touched us every day and it is powerful when we realize it.
- ❖ Anne Wanke was thankful for her Trinity family.
- ❖ Sharon Williams was thankful for GIFTS and for having the opportunity to help.

- ❖ Betty Gilbert was thankful for the help and support she received during her illnesses.
- ❖ Mark Karrels thanked Dick Lynes for his work on the Lazarus House.
- ❖ Sue Whitford thanked Trinity for their love and support during her and Phil's health issues. Phil is rapidly recovering from a hip replacement.
- ❖ Adel Smith was thankful for the kids and fantastic teachers at Trinity. She was also thankful for Trinity and Rev. Kathy.
- ❖ Betty Gilbert was thankful for the prayer shawls knitted by the Knitting and Crocheting group.
- ❖ Doug Dypold was thankful for Thelma Wilcox and his family.
- ❖ Paula DeRubeis was grateful for the love and support for her husband Gene.
- ❖ Rev. Kathy believes that it is important to practice gratitude and express thanks. The more we do this, the more we see God at work.

### **Rector's Remarks**

Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes commented that she and her husband Rick have been at Trinity for over a year. They feel blessed to be at Trinity. They love their house, their neighborhood and the community. It has been a year of getting to know each other. We must listen to each other. How can we deepen our relationships? We need to get on board with what God is doing.

Rev. Kathy believes that our ministry with the GIFTS Resource Center has been a blessing, but they are leaving soon and we should think of a replacement for them. Since Trinity will be hosting the GIFTS shelter starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Kathy would like to have a church wide celebration, celebrating the blessing of the GIFTS ministry and also the church's involvement with them. The whole church is invited to come to the dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and meet the men and staff in the shelter. After the GIFTS Resource Center leaves, Rev. Kathy will apply for grant money to have the basement area, kitchen and window areas in Ortmyer Hall professionally cleaned.

Rev. Kathy thanked parish secretary Linda Waters for her hard work. Linda will be having ear surgery soon and prayers were asked for her. Rev. Kathy also thanked Sexton Bill Bostwick, who helps out wherever he is needed. Thanks were also given to musicians Katie Cossman and Thelma Wilcox, along with the Praise Band and Choir. Additionally, Rev. Kathy thanked the Vestry; outgoing Jr. Warden Phil Whitford for his years of hard work and dedication; the many ministries which keep Trinity going, and her husband Rick Lutes whose support, dedication and love keep her going.

Sr. Warden Keith Steinbeck also thanked those who gave much of their time and talent to Trinity: Dick Lynes for helping with the Trinity website; Phil Whitford for his dedication to Trinity; Adel Smith for her expertise and dedication as Treasurer

for the past year; Maggie Bostwick for her many hours as Vestry Clerk over the last five years; the Vestry, and for all the love and support he received from Trinity members during his time as Sr. Warden.

**2015-2016 Annual Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made by Adel Smith, seconded by Beth Mullen to approve the minutes as written. No discussion. The motion was approved.

### **Nominations and Election of Wardens, Vestry Lay Deputies and Alternates to the 2017 Diocesan Convention.**

#### **Wardens and Vestry**

- Richard Bostwick was nominated to be Jr. Warden.
- Gary Ertl was nominated for Vestry.
- Sue Whitford was nominated for Vestry.
- Paula DeRubeis was nominated for Vestry.
- Mark Karrels was appointed Treasurer.
- Sharon Grover was appointed Vestry Clerk.
- Dick Lynes, seconded by Betty Gilbert, moved that Keith Steinbeck stay on as Sr. Warden.

Adel Smith moved to close the nominations. Sharon Williams seconded.

Adel Smith moved that the slate of nominees be elected by acclamation. Passed.

#### **Diocesan Lay Deputies and Alternates.**

The 2017 Diocesan convention will be at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin on October 14, 2017.

- Deb and Dane Albright volunteered to lay delegates
- Anne Wanke and Rick Lutes will be alternates.
- Vestry delegates will be chosen at a later time.

Betty Gilbert moved to approve the slate. Rita Lynes seconded and the slate passed.

#### **Financial Review to Date**

Treasurer Adel Smith explained the 2016 Statement of Financial Position as of October 31, 2016 and answered questioned. Ed Schultz moved to approve the financial report. Beth Mullen seconded and the 2016 Financial Reports were passed.

#### **Ministry Reports**

The ministry reports were included in the Annual Meeting packet.

#### **Additional Announcements**

Thelma Wilcox reminded everyone about Lessons and Carols. The Dish-to-Pass dinner for all members and their guests will commence with the gathering and setup between 500-530pm., the dinner at 530pm, and the Lessons & Carols service at 7pm. The public is invited to Lessons & Carols service. Posters to advertise the event will be available right after Thanksgiving for distribution.

Rita Lynes and Anne Wanke are selling tickets to the Christmas Choral Union.

### **Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Rev. Kathy led the congregation in a closing prayer.

Ed Schultz moved to adjourn. The Meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Submitted by Margaret Bostwick, Vestry Clerk.