

# **DRAFT**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church**

Sunday, January 31, 2016  
Immediately following the 10:30 Service

Present: 86

Father Wil called the meeting to order with a prayer. Apologies were made for the Vestry members who were not able to be in attendance. One last call was made for votes for the Vestry Election and the polls were closed.

Doug Billings made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Parish as presented. Ben Klopp seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Rector's Report:**

By popular demand, the Rector's Report reviewed the year 2015 in numbers.

In relation to Holy Cross Faith Memorial:

- 240 – The number of celebrations of Holy Eucharist on the campus. Down from 258 as the St. Elizabeth Place services were discontinued because the participants are now coming to Sunday or Thursday services.
- 4 – The number of new HCFM Vergers.
- 12,079 – The number of times folks received Holy Communion.
- 149 – The number of times communion was brought by Eucharistic Visitors to the homebound.
- 192,344 – The number of words in Father Wil's sermons. About the same as last year.
- 60,000 – The number of dollars we paid against the mortgage.
- 28 – The number of Sunday School sessions held on Diversity and Multiculturalism.
- 7 – The number of people baptized.
- 3 – The number of people confirmed.
- 5 – Member deaths.
- 10 - Funerals held on campus.
- 4 – Weddings and 1 – with amazing decorations.
- 193 – Pledges received. Up from 181 last year.
- 24 – New members in 11 new households
- 3.6% - The increase in the budget. NOTE: The budget calls for a draw from reserves to pay for:

- 1 – Fantastic new Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator (Maggie Dunlap).

In relation to Midway Fire & Rescue:

- 3 – The number of Fire Rescue vehicles driven by Fr. Wil
- 1 – Person saved from an actual burning building at St. Elizabeth Place
- 2 – Awards given to Fr. Wil. The 2015 Meritorious Service Award and the 2015 Georgetown County Volunteer of the Year Award. The ceremony to be held at County Council on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Anyone interested in attending was welcomed as Fr. Wil noted that his ministry to the firefighters is only possible because of the parish generosity and ministry to him.
- 12 – The number of pounds Fr. Wil has lost working out with the Fire Department.

In relation to The Diocese:

- 1 – Diocesan Convention hosted.
- 26 – The number of trips Fr. Wil made to Charleston for meetings including Deans Meetings, Commission on Ministry and Future Committee Meetings with fellow committee member Lucille Grate.

Miscellaneous:

- 11 – Vestry Meetings and 1 – Retreat
- 49 – Staff Meetings
- 7 – The number of fantastic staff members
- 80 - heart beats per minute during a service (according to his new Fitbit)
- 115 – heart beat increases during a sermon (which is the fat burning zone!)

And finally:

- 1 – new building to be built in 2016. Father Wil asked Smith Medical Clinic director Anne Faul to share more information about it.

Anne shared that the building that Fr. Wil referred to will be a new building to house the Smith Medical Clinic. Currently the clinic sees 2001 patients per year and the old building is being used to the best of their ability. But with a robust Diabetes Clinic and a number of Specialists sharing the space they are bursting at the seams. Thus, plans are in process for building a new space. Original plans were to build in phases, but the initial fundraising efforts were so successful that they will be able to complete phase 1 and phase 2 at the same time. This will include a new space for the Baskervill Food Pantry as well.

The new building will allow the kind of care and privacy that should be offered and will allow for the addition of more services. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, Anne thanked the congregation for their support.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Harold Stowe added to the Smith Medical Clinic report by pointing out that, while they are committed to building the new building, more support is still needed. The public capital campaign will be launched in 2 to 3 weeks.

On to Holy Cross Faith Memorial business, Harold highlighted that the year ended with \$211,000 in cash accounts, a significant increase over last year. While \$150,000 is in funds restricted for specific purposes, it leaves us with a good cash cushion.

The mortgage has been reduced to \$867,000. Pledges collected from the 2013 capital campaign are enough to make principal payments to the mortgage for the next 2 years. It is reassuring when noting that the mortgage balance when the capital campaign started was almost \$1,500,000; and is now almost cut in half.

\$408,000 in pledge payments were collected in 2015 – 97% of the actual pledged amount. The plate offerings missed the budget goal of \$50,000 by less than \$1000, an increase over the previous year.

Expenses were well controlled and came in \$8000 under budget. The result is a bottom line deficit of just \$2000.

Looking ahead to 2016, we have 193 pledges totaling \$422,000 (91% of our target budget) an improvement over last year and the most pledge responses ever received. The pledged total added to reserved funds gives us a balanced budget for 2016 that will provide for the healthy continuation of all current ministries.

Overall we are in solid financial condition with good stewardship and an optimistic financial future.

Ben Klopp made a motion to accept the 2016 budget at presented. Kris Southard seconded.

A question as to why the Equipment Rental account showed a significant increase. Harold advised that the Food Pantry storage unit is included in this number, but once the new building is completed, the storage facility will no longer be needed.

There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Mutual Ministry Review:**

Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) is a process that we have all learned together. Year 1 (2013) involved Vestry input via essay questions about how we are living into our mission.

Year 2 (2014) expanded to include responses from ministry chairpersons.

Year 3 (2015) involved the entire parish in the form of the Parish Survey. An Executive Summary of the findings of this survey are included in the APM booklet. All information is also available through the church office and on the [holycrossfm.org](http://holycrossfm.org) website.

MMR is a revolving process that we will continue. Thanks to Amy Webb and her committee who worked very hard on this presentation.

### **Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Vestry Nominees**

The Reverend Sandy Moyle had the pleasure of introducing our Delegates and Alternates to the 2016 Diocesan Convention:

#### Delegates:

Dreema Brunnemer, John Shaw, James Propps & Chad Jones

#### Alternates:

Mike Pulliam & Linda Ducharme, Ron Radcliff & Vic Adams

The nominees for the 2016 class of Vestry were given thanks for agreeing to be put forward as nominees and their willingness to give their life for the next 3 years to this exciting ministry. Results of the election will be announced later in the week after Fr. Wil has an opportunity to speak with each nominee personally about the results.

#### The nominees are:

Nancy Cave, Anne Hoile, Betsy Marlow, Kay Pullium

This time is also a little sad because we say goodbye to the outgoing Vestry members. Bob Thompson, Amy Webb and Kris Southard have been depended on by our Rector very much and their service was very much appreciated.

### **Closing Remarks**

Father Wil said that our best days are ahead of us. 2015 was a remarkable year. Our ministry grew both in and outside of the church. This church was Jesus' idea, not ours and there are 3 ways to remember that.

1. As we move forward decide to cling to our mission not our model. We must stay focused on our mission of leading people to a relationship with Jesus. We can be creative about how we do it, but the mission must remain the focus.
2. Be clear. Sundays are more about what we give than what we get. They are less about us and more about Jesus. Be outsider focused. Treat people with compassion and attend to their spiritual wellbeing.

3. Ask ourselves again and again “Do we give to the church because we are engaged or are we engaged because we give?” This is not just about money but about our time too.

Father Wil finished with a blessing. Deb Harris made a motion to adjourn. Doreen McDermott seconded. Motion passed and the congregation adjourned to a covered dish brunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Jayroe  
Vestry Clerk