

**192nd Annual Meeting of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, Massachusetts
Held in the Undercroft of Christ Church Cathedral on January 26, 2020, following the 11
am bilingual service.**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Choir Director, Todd Beckham, led the attendees in a meditative Taize to begin the meeting.

Opening

Dean Callard welcomed everyone.

Dean Callard nominated Judy Cox to serve as Secretary of the Annual Meeting in Denise McCarthy's absence. A motion was given and was approved.

Introductions, Opening Question and Minutes

The minutes from the 191st Annual Meeting were presented. No discussion was sought. A motion to accept the minutes was made and approved.

Dean Callard provided an acknowledgement and thank you to the Cathedral Officers: Donna Barten and Craig Cox, Senior and Junior Wardens; Susan Forrest, Treasurer, and Denise McCarthy, Clerk.

Dean Callard also informed the attendees that a room in the Cathedral is being named after Susan Forrest and an award for her service was presented to her.

2020 Elections:

A. Nominating Report

Special thank you's and certificates of appreciation were given to Barbara Loh and Jahn Hart for their many years of service on the Outreach Committee. Both Barbara and Jahn have stepped down as Chair and Co-Chair of Outreach. Judith MacMunn and Judy Cox have stepped into those positions as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively.

Also receiving thank you's and certificates were Scott Jackson for his participation with Adult Education and Susan Forest for her dedication as Treasurer. Kathy Johnston will be elected for this position at the annual Chapter meeting and will be presented on Tuesday.

B. Executive Committee

It was moved that 3 individuals be elected for a term of 3 years. A motion was raised and seconded. The three who were elected to the Executive Committee for this three year term were: Judith MacMunn, Mark Betscher, and Ed Farrell.

C. Convention Delegate - elected for a 1 year term

Mark Giddings was elected to serve as delegate from the Executive Committee and Craig Cox was elected as the Executive Committee representative alternate.

D. Convention Delegate Alternate - elected for 1 year term

Judy Cooke was elected as a Delegate with Caren Foisie elected as an alternate.

Laurel Stewart will continue for another year as she was elected previously for a 3 year term.

E. Youth Convention Delegate - elected for a 1 year term

Mahewa Mohamed was elected as the Youth Delegate.

Annual Budget

Senior Warden, Donna Barten, presented the Annual Budget. She informed the attendees that the Cathedral had a \$20,000 deficit this year. She went on to show and explain that this deficit was mainly due to the fact that the Cathedral now has a full staff and therefore, benefits were now needed to be paid. Additionally, some expensive repairs, such as a section of the roof, contributed to this deficit as well as Dean Callard's Sabbatical.

Warden Barten explained that this deficit would be overcome by beginning fundraising for the Church, which had not been required in the past; cuts to some of the programs, such as Outreach and Music, as well as taking out an additional 1% of the Endowment earnings. This would bring the deficit down to around \$200. Warden Barton explained that if pledges increased or the Church received more pledges, any excess after the deficit is met would go back into programs which had been cut.

Dean Callard's Moment

Dean Callard informed the attendees that he would be going on Sabbatical for four months. Joe Pace will be stepping in to assist in Dean Callard's absence. This will be Dean Callard's first Sabbatical.

Dean Callard also mentioned 5 opportunities to serve and asked attendees to search their hearts and if they are called, to sign up especially in regard to the Alter Guild, the children and youth, fund raising, taking and sharing photos, and the Drop In Center.

Staff Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was given to our staff: Dominique Batiste, administrative assistant; Todd Beckham, Sergio D'Orsini, Choir Directors; Edwin Garriga, Sexton; Joel Martinez, Seminarian; Rabbi Mark Shapiro, and The Reverend Linda Taupier.

Also given thanksgiving were our honorary staff The Reverends Jerry True and Barbara Thrall.

Personal Presentations

Personal presentations were given by Jose Mendez, Steve Jablonski, and Milagros Lopez.

Drop In Center

The Reverend Linda Taupier spoke about the Drop In Center and informed the attendees that it will be opening beginning January 28, 2020. She asked for volunteers to work at the Center and provided additional information about how it would be run, its hours (Tuesdays from 9-3) and future goals of the Center. Attendees were able to view the Drop In Center location.

Dean Callard performed a blessing for the Center and the closing prayer and gave a final request for attendees to search their hearts and if called, to sign up for one of the ministries available at the Cathedral.