



St. Margaret's Church  
Westminster Parish  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 26, 2020



1. The Rev. Peter Mayer opened the Annual Meeting with a prayer at 12:49 pm.
2. **Election of Secretary:** Jim Barnett was nominated and elected to serve as Secretary for the 2020 Annual Meeting.  
**Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes** from January 27, 2019 – with the correction under #14 Miscellaneous Business. “The St. Margaret’s website is great. Laura Tayman has done a lot of good work on the site.”  
**Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
4. **Election of Tellers:** Anne Sessions, Richard Schwappach, Kathy Polk, James Hanrahan. **Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
5. **Election of New Vestry Members:** Kristen Berthelotte, Joan Crossman, Marti Engstrom, Elizabeth Kopack, Barbara Marder, Mitch Owens, Paul Schurke and for Youth Representative, Ella Tomko were listed on the ballots distributed, voted on, and collected for count.
6. **A video of the “Life at St Margaret’s”** was presented.
7. **Rector’s Report:** Posted in the Annual Report.

The Rector noted that the cost of the Formation Building was paid in full.

The budget for St Margaret’s for 2020 is \$1 million and will be paid with no draw on the endowment for the first time since 2013.

The Rental House has been sold and the proceeds placed in the Endowment account “Capital Improvement Fund”. This gives SMC leverage against future repairs and infrastructure investments.

The budget is very tight but based on a Stewardship Campaign commitment of \$913,000 and little “leakage” we should be in good shape. The pledge average for 2020 Stewardship Campaign was \$4,300. More work will be ongoing with those giving gifts keeping us on target.

SMC relies on gifts of every kind. Yes, money is important but so is the commitment you make to this church by your personal gifts and volunteer efforts. We need to grow the volunteer base and ensure everyone understands the transformative nature of giving, to include volunteering.

“We have a lot to brag about as a church.”

Thanks to the four who will be rotating off the Vestry: Richard Schwappach, Maggy Cullman, Gwen Davis, and Al Todd. We all owe them a debt of gratitude. We continue to search for the next generation of lay leaders.

Thanks also to the Church officers and staff, they make us all better.

Thanks to all who serve in the various ministries.

“I am super excited to take this journey with you.”

8. **Treasurers Report:** Financial details posted in the Annual Report.

We experienced higher than anticipated energy costs due to lower temperatures in the Fall and Winter.

Our infrastructure continues to age, and we need to remain mindful of those costs.

We have expanded our landscaping to enhance the grounds and mitigate environmental issues.

The Formation Building Loan of \$2,309,472.36 was paid off in October 2019. Total cost of the project was \$4.2 million, where \$2.9 came from pledges and the remainder from the Endowment.

The Rental House sold for \$380,000. The purchase price when we acquired the house was \$128,000.  
The Endowment is now at \$4 million.

The Rector continued:

The 2020 overview budget is in the annual report.

Your pledge level obviated falling back on the Endowment to cover expenses this year.

Patti has been elevated from Assistant Rector to Associate Rector.

Formation is underfunded. We need to increase the budget.

We can be proud of what we do both in the community and globally, but we need to remain disciplined to keep expenses down. We need volunteers to step up so we can continue to live within our means.

9.. **St. Margaret's Day School:** Jennifer Albanese reports that the Day School has again passed its national accreditation and is fully enrolled. Jen was pleased to report that ties to the church remain strong and getting stronger. Thank you for the gift to the scholarship fund, it supports both parishioners and members of the community.

**10. Results of the election of Vestry members for the class of 2020:** The Counters reported that Kristen Berthelotte, Marti Engstrom, Elizabeth Kopack, Paul Schurke, and Ella Tomko will serve on the Vestry.

**7. Senior Warden Report:** Posted in the Annual Report

#### **8 Other Business:**

The memorial remembrance room in the annex has yet to be dedicated. The Rector indicated that a dedication will be scheduled soonest. It is being used in a variety of ways and is a welcome addition to our ministry.

Al Todd indicated that he is looking for volunteers to man the sound board in the back of the church.

Janice Roper Graham indicated that she has a few slots left for this year's safari and mission to Tanzania.

Susan Roberts indicated that she had year end statements in the back of the Parish Hall for Parishioners to pick up.

Judy Hall indicated that she still has space for volunteers to support Winter Relief.

9. Peter+ thanked everyone for participating. The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology at 1:39 pm.

Faithfully submitted,

Jim Barnett; Clerk and Secretary for the Annual Meeting



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