

Faith Church Poulsbo's Annual Meeting
January 21, 2018

The Rev. Craig Vocelka opened the annual meeting with prayer at 11:00 AM. There were 29 members of the congregation present, and also present was Rev. Canon Dr. Marda Steedman-Sanborn, Canon to the Ordinary

Motion 1

Annamarie Lavieri made a motion to approve last year's minutes, Louise Kernaghan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the congregation by Louise Kernaghan.

Motion 2

Brenda Toth made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Diane Foster seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden's Report

Linda Skinner expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Faith Church. She stressed the abundance of good leadership within the congregation and the willingness to embrace change. She reminded us of the many things we do to help our community at large such as provide parking for Central Market during holidays, lend space to non-profit organizations, host luncheons for clergy, allow Fishline to use our facility to store Christmas presents for the needy, share our facility with New Life, and more. Linda emphasized that Faith is a warm and loving congregation that welcomes everyone.

Junior Warden's Report

Ed Skinner will meet with the new Bishop's Committee to discuss facility repairs and future needs. The parish hall needs one half of its roof replaced. That is the most pressing need.

Vicar's Report

Rev. Craig Vocelka thanked Linda and Ed Skinner for their service. He also thanked numerous parishioners for their help preparing the church and parish hall for occupancy. Nominations for the Bishop's Committee were announced. There were two opening and two nominations—Brenda Toth and Debra Hurd. By acclamation they were accepted for service on the BC. As alternates from last year, Louise and Bob Kernaghan became our new delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Debra and Neil Hurd are alternates. Updated bylaws were proposed. One congregational meeting needs to be scheduled between now and next year's annual meeting to approve changes, and then the new bylaws need to be ratified at Faith's 2019 Annual Meeting. Vicar Craig introduced Rev. Canon Dr. Marda Steedman-Sanborn, Canon to the Ordinary

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Rev. Marda explained her position within the diocese. She announced that Fr. Craig is being called to medical missions and that he'll be absent for months as a time. Because of this, he will not be able to continue his ministry as vicar to Faith Church. Bishop Rickel evaluated the strengths and needs of Faith's congregation and made a decision to appoint Rev. Laura Murray as Faith's new vicar. She will start on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The new Senior Warden will need to complete a Letter of Agreement with Laura and send it to the Bishop before the 31st of March. It needs to be sent to Rev.

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Marda who brings it to Bishop Rickel for his signature. For now, our new vicar will work on a part time, 40%, basis. Rev. Marda will help us to determine salary based on the diocese's clergy guidelines. We need two Sundays of supply priests to cover the gap between when Craig leaves and Laura starts; perhaps Laura will supply. If that transpires, the bishop may approve backdating her start date. Vicar Laura must attend the College of Congregational Development classes, and Faith is responsible for that cost. There is a possibility of an increase in Rev. Laura's schedule via grant if our congregation continues to grow.

Rev. Marda pledged one half the cost of the new roof for the parish hall in the form of a grant from the diocese.

Additional acknowledgements

Several people were acknowledged for their work in the parish: Ed and Linda Skinner, our Junior and Senior Wardens for their hard work serving the parish in a multitude of ways. Debra Hurd for organizing the library, George Daniels for setting up our website, the Bishop's Committee members, Louise Kernaghan as Treasurer, Leslie and Carl Sandberg for cleaning our buildings, Ralph Flewelling for picking up and organizing our bulletins, Brenda Toth and the Altar Guild for their ministry to the Sanctuary and Service, Ralph Flewelling and Bob Kernaghan for serving as acolytes, Connie and Jim for banking, newsletter, and prayer chain, Marcia Christian for her music ministry, and the "Merry Men" for building maintenance.

Faith Church has grow in numbers over the past year. Rev. Craig Vocelka thanked the congregation for a great year.

Motion to Adjourn

At 11:25 AM Bob Hodges made a motion to adjourn the 2018 Annual Meeting. Jim Aurand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hurd
Clerk