

**Vestry Approved 2-25-2025**  
**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2025, In Person & Virtually**

**OPENING**

Rector Michele Morgan called to order the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting at 12:00 PM.

Assistant Rector Caitlin Frazier offered the Opening Prayer.

Assistant Clerk Ryan Baugh announced that at least 152 voting members were on site and at least 13 attending remotely and thus the meeting had a quorum.

**MINUTES**

The members passed the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Michele announced that the Vestry will pass the minutes for this meeting.

**REPORTS**

Doug Ammon (Treasurer) presented the [Treasurer's Report](#), noting that the Church finished 2024 with a surplus and that the Vestry approved a budget that funded all requests and made significant increases to the Diocesan Pledge, Music, and Youth and Family Ministries.

Caleb Nelson Amaker (Youth and Family Ministries Director) and Meg Platt (Vestry Liaison) presented a brief report about Youth and Family Ministries.

Edna Boone & Holly Kreutter (Service & Social Justice Board Chairs) presented a brief report about our Service & Social Justice programs.

Martha Huizenga (Junior Warden) reported on efforts to maintain the building and to make it safer and more secure.

Jim Brooks (Senior Warden) called attention to the [Annual Report](#) and discussed our abundance and the charge to live into it.

## **NOMINATIONS**

The members of the Nominating Committee were Senior Warden James Brooks (*ex officio*); Junior Warden Martha Huizenga (*ex officio*); Rector Michele Morgan (*ex officio*); Hank Donnelly, Jan Lipscomb, and Nick Rogers (retiring Vestry members, *ex officio*); and Kathleen Frydl (Parish Representative).

For the Nominating Committee, Jan Lipscomb and Katherine Buchanan reported that the Committee nominates Jim Brooks for Senior Warden and Michael Knipe, Jan Lipscomb, and Mary Nezek for Diocesan Delegate. The Committee knew there would be additional nominations from the floor.

The following were nominated from the floor to run for the Vestry: Katherine White, Mary Ellison, Ben Flowers, and Joyce DeCerce. Nominations were closed.

The Diocesan Delegate nominees spoke briefly about their interests.

The 2028 Vestry Class nominees and one proxy (Mary Miller for Ben Flowers, who is ill today, and Mary Ellison via zoom) spoke briefly about their interests and a question that the Nominating Committee posed in advance (on their hopes for St. Mark's and for our neighbors).

## **ELECTIONS**

Nick Rogers explained the voting process, which was by electronic ballot using ranked-choice voting, with paper ballots available for those who wished to vote that way.

Rob Hall moved, and Nick Rogers seconded that Jim Brooks be elected to Senior Warden by acclamation. The motion carried.

Jan Lipscomb was elected as Diocesan Delegate for a three-year term, having received the most ranked choice votes, and Mary Neznok for a two-year term, having received the second most ranked choice votes.

Katherine White, Ben Flowers, and Mary Ellison were elected Vestry members for three years.

## **CLOSING**

The Rector presented gifts to the retiring Vestry members and Frank Nickerson, Tom Getman, Jane Byrne, and Jason Campbell.

Deacon Thom Sinclair offered the closing prayer, adjourning the meeting at 1:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Marks  
Clerk

Ryan Baugh  
Assistant Clerk