

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in Platts Hall beginning at 9:10 a.m.

Present: About 80 - 100 Congregation members including Vestry.

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1. The 2017 Annual Report, including the meeting Agenda and presentation details, was distributed to the Congregation attendees.
2. The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Father Mike.
 - a. Father Mike thanked Melanie Jackson and Kathy Lochocki for their years of service on the St James' Vestry.
3. Vestry Elections
 - a. A motion was made to re-elect Gene Goff and Jon Yenney to the St James' Vestry. Motion approved unanimously.
 - b. New Vestry members – a motion was made to nominate two new members of the Vestry, Steve Jackson and Peggy Spinozzi. There was a vote of Acclimation which passed unanimously. In addition, the congregation present voted their Consent for Ned Travis to complete the final year of Chris Kristofco's term on the Vestry.
4. Deanery and Diocesan Representatives: Father Mike presented returning representatives: Jon Yenney, and Phil Tatem as well as new representative Faith Miller. A motion was made that the representatives be approved. The Acclimation vote was passed unanimously.
5. Barbara Bateman and the Vestry Commission leaders presented the State of the Parish Report with a focus on our success over this past year, opportunities and challenges for the coming year, growth as a parish and looking forward to a long-range plan for the future. It was noted that our parish is becoming more financially healthy, in part due to the generosity of endowments made to St. James' by former parishioners. The Congregation was encouraged to consider their own endowments to St. James' when they are doing their own estate planning. See the Presentation for additional details.
6. Father Mike provided an update on the health and spirit here at St. James', our Capital Campaign and progress towards starting the new Outreach House as part of the State of the Parish presentation.
7. Father Mike also spoke a few words about Ron Davis, who will be retiring this summer after 31 years as the choir director at St. James'. Ron will continue singing in the choir, so he will still be staying involved. The congregation present expressed their thanks to Ron for his commitment and many contributions to St. James over the years.
8. Father Mike closed with a Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Yenney, the
Secretary of the Vestry