

St. James Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
January 24, 16

Rev. Sharp called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and opened with prayer.

The nomination of Connie VanHouten for the vestry was offered from the floor. **Jerry Lange moved, seconded by Leah Nichiporuk, to accept the nomination of Connie VanHouten to the slate of potential vestry members. Carried.**

All candidates for offices were running unopposed, so were elected by acclamation. The Junior Warden is Mary White for a two-year term; Vestry members are: Nick Forenz, Gregg Learned, Anne Oates, Joan Rogerson and Connie Van Houten, all for three year terms; and Annie Oates as Delegate to Convention for three years.

Rev. Sharp gave the Rector's annual report in place of the sermon that included the following information:

- Three deaths/funerals
- Four baptisms
- Four confirmations
- A successful Visioning Day with the adoption of a statement with the theme "to make God's love visible in our lives and community" which was enabled through:
 - *Backpack program in conjunction with Catholic Charities
 - *The church is open for prayer, Eucharist and healing on Thursdays
 - *Distribution of water bottles at Community events
 - *Installation of pew racks with church information and business cards, as well
 - as brochures in the back of the sanctuary
 - *Participated in Social Media Sunday, FaceBook, QR readers and the web
 - *Held a Memorial Concert as well as Christmas caroling in conjunction with
 - Christmas in the Park
 - *Participated the the Wednesday Lenten lucheons as well as the Lenten
 - study
 - * Weekly Bible Study and bi-weekly book study
 - *Participated in the Hammondsport Vacation Bible School as well as the
 - Community Youth Group

- *Sponsored a variety of dinners open to the public
- *Participated in various mission and outreach endeavors that include socks for the VA, Christmas stocking to provide gifts for less fortunate, Mission committee which gives locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; apple pie sale to benefit outreach, holiday Bazaar and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.
- Completed major projects that included landscaping, a Baptism/ Funeral table, chimney repair and a new sound and video system.

Gregg Learned moved, seconded by Joan Rogerson to approve the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting. Carried.

Karen Derr presented the Financial report for 2016 which include a 4.3% increase in the Diocesan apportionment and a 3% increase in salaries for a budget total of \$94, 277, which is a 3.3% increase over last year's budget. Pledges and plate offerings increased 4.6% over 2015.

A line item for Loan Repayment was added in 2014, and certificates of deposit that came due the end of 2015 were moved to a market-linked vehicle through Five-Star Bank. Our total assets have increased 7%.

William Kingham moved, seconded by Nick Forenz to accept the financial report. Carried.

Carol Bidwell noted that the amount given to Covenant House should be \$520 and not \$250 making the total given \$6530.

Rev. Sharp thanked all for the work on behalf of St. James.

Jim Derr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terry Channing. Carried.

See attached committee reports for more detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bidwell
Clerk of the Vestry.

