



Annual Parish Meeting
of
St Michael's Episcopal Church
a community of prayer, compassion, and justice

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Sunday, January 29, 2017

**St Michael's Episcopal Church
Trenton, New Jersey
2016 – 2017 Vestry**

Senior Warden Fred Vereen, Jr. - 2017

Junior Warden Thomas Musick - 2019

Vestry Lynette Darling (Clerk) - 2017
Valerie Dromboski (Treasurer) - 2017
Robert Bullington - 2018
Rodman Harris - 2018
David Henderson - 2019

Marie Grier – Life Member

Boyer Royal – Life Member

2016 Diocesan Convention

Delegates:

Fred Vereen, Jr.

Robert Bullington

Lynette Darling

Alternates:

Beverly Wedderburn

St Michael's Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting Agenda
January 29, 2017

- 1) Call to order and opening prayer
- 2) Reading of Canon 50 and explanation of voting rights
- 3) Registration of voters
- 4) Approval of agenda
- 5) Nominations of Vestry members
- 6) Balloting
- 7) Reports
- 8) Other business
- 9) Adjournment and closing prayer

CANON 50

Election of Church Officers in Parishes and Missions

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting in every Parish for the election of officers, prayers having been said immediately before said meeting, and due notice having been given as required by law. Said meeting shall be held on a date which may be fixed at a regular or special meeting of the Congregation. There shall be an annual meeting for those Missions that elect officers, to be held also with opening prayers and upon like notice.

SECTION 2. The persons entitled to vote at such meetings must be:

- a) baptized,
- b) at least sixteen years of age,
- c) of good moral character,
- d) adhering to The Episcopal Church and to no other religious body,
- e) regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish or Mission, and
- f) regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish or Mission for six months next before the said annual meeting.

A record of the regular contributors for the support of the Parish or Mission shall be maintained by the Treasurer, with the dates of their contributions. Such records shall be sufficient evidence as to the qualification of a voter with respect to the last preceding requirement. Any voters not baptized in the Parish or Mission must have been enrolled as members in accordance with the provisions of the Canons of The Episcopal Church. Rectors, Vicars, or Wardens shall keep a list of all members of the Congregation who have been received as voters, which list shall be open to inspection by the members of the Congregation. No one shall be permitted to vote or be eligible to office in more than one Parish or Mission in this Diocese, although members of a Parish or Mission may be eligible also to vote or hold office in a Chapel.

SECTION 3. At said annual meeting the qualified voters shall elect by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast, to serve for the ensuing year, from among the voters in the Parish, three Deputies and three alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, and a Warden or Wardens, who shall all be communicants in good standing; and also such other Vestrymembers or Mission Committee members, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Parish or Mission charter or bylaws, and six Representatives to the Convocation in which the Congregation is located, who shall all be communicants if such suitable for the office can be found.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Canon, the term “communicant” shall be as defined by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.

SECTION 5. No provision of this Canon which may conflict with the Charter of any Parish shall have any force in such Parish.

See Revised Statutes of New Jersey, Sections 16:12–10 and –11

Source: <http://www.dioceseofnj.org/constitution-and-canons/canons-4/#C50>

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Trenton, NJ**

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

April 3, 2016

The annual parish meeting of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Trenton, New Jersey was held on Sunday, April 3, 2016, in the Mother Julian Room following the regular 10:15 a.m. Eucharist. There were 14 adult members present. The Rev. Mark David Johnson, Vicar, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and opened with prayer.

Canon 50 and Registration of Voters

Pastor Johnson explained the purpose of Canon 50 (printed in handout), which defines the qualifications for voting members. Eligible voters then signed the voter registration list.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented in the meeting handout. **A motion was made by Valerie Dromboski, seconded by Rodman Harris, and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as distributed.**

Vestry Elections

Pastor Johnson reported that Walter Dietrich (Class of 2018) has resigned his position on vestry, due to an anticipated move out-of-state. Additionally, terms expire at this meeting for David Henderson and Thomas Musick.

Nominations from the floor were properly received and seconded for David Henderson and Thomas Musick, each for a three-year term on vestry (Class of 2019), and for Robert Bullington for an unexpired two-year term on vestry (Class of 2018). Hearing no further nominations, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to close nominations for vestry.**

A motion was made by Mary Miller, seconded by Rodman Harris, and approved to direct the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for the following:

David Henderson – vestry Class of 2019; Thomas Musick – vestry Class of 2019; Robert Bullington – vestry Class of 2018.

Reports

Minutes – 2015 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting are included in the handout. After review, **a motion was made by Robert Bullington, seconded by John Hatch, and approved to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting as printed.**

Pastor's report

Pastor Johnson's report is included in the handout. He stated that he was called to serve St. Michael's at the end of November 2015, so his report covers roughly 30 days in 2015. He noted that many new things are going on, both at St. Michael's and the wider church, and reminded us that "God is making things new all the time." **A motion was made by Valerie Dromboski, seconded by Annie Melville, and approved to accept the Pastor's Report.**

Senior Warden's report

A report from Fred Vereen, Jr., senior warden, is included in the handout. He feels that everyone has witnessed the many things he noted in his report. He thanked everyone for their faith and commitment to St. Michael's.

2016 Budget and Financial reports

The 2016 Budget and 2015 Financial reports are included in the meeting packet. The vestry approved the 2016 Budget, with a deficit of just over \$11,000. Pastor Johnson noted that a member has offered a challenge – they will match additional contributions up to \$3,000. The vestry will decide the method of measurement.

Pastor Johnson also spoke about Stewardship. He noted that since we are classified by the Diocese as a mission, we are entitled to apply for certain grants / loans from the Diocese. One of the criteria is to have signed Estimates of Giving on record. We are grateful for the on-going financial support, but we would like to have actual signed commitments, or pledges. Pastor Johnson suggested that Pentecost would be a good day for "Pledge Day". He will speak on Stewardship leading up to that day.

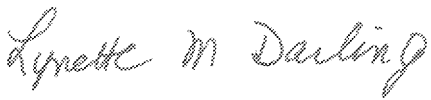
A motion was made by John Hatch, seconded, and approved to accept the Budget & Financial reports as printed.

Amendment to By-Laws

Pastor Johnson proposed a change to our Annual Meeting date, from the First Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday) to the last Sunday of January. He explained that this puts us in line with most other congregations, and allows us to elect Convention delegates and alternates on a timely basis. **A motion was made by Fred Vereen, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Jackson, and unanimously approved to amend the St. Michael's By-Laws as follows: Annual Parish [Meeting] will be held annually, the last Sunday in January, with a snow-date of the first Sunday in February, immediately following the morning Mass.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, **a motion to adjourn was made by Fred Vereen, Jr., seconded, and approved.** The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and closed with prayer.

Signed: 
Clerk

St Michael's Episcopal Church
Trenton, New Jersey
Report of the Vicar
January 29, 2017

Grace to you, and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

My favorite Bible story is from a little-known book in the Old Testament. It's the story of Esther, a Jewish woman living in the Persian-occupied city of Susa. Before long, Esther finds herself thrust into the royal court – in fact, she is chosen from all the women in Susa to be the king's bride! And yet to protect herself, she hides her Jewish identity from the king. At the climax of the story Esther's uncle, Mordecai, hears of an evil plot to execute all the Jews in Susa. Mordecai begs Esther to use her privilege to speak with the king, yet she is afraid: the punishment for addressing the king without being summoned is death.

Mordecai pleads with Esther: "Don't imagine that because you are part of the king's household you will be the one Jew who will escape. If you keep quiet at this time, liberation and protection for the Jews will appear from another source... ***But who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal position for such a time as this!***" (Esther 4:14)

As I get older, these words achieve a greater impact in my life. And in reflecting upon 2016, these words come to mind about our life together at St Michael's. We have been through a lot together in the past year – some wonderful things, some challenging things – and I believe we've come through them for such a time as this!

In case you missed any of these wonderful events, here are some highlights:

- On Ash Wednesday we participated in "Ashes To Go," an ecumenical event bringing the Church out into the world. Four of us stood out on the Warren Street steps and imposed ashes and prayers on those walking down the street.
- We celebrated Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with St Mark, Hamilton.
- We joined with St Mark, Hamilton, for a bible study on Revelation, and with St Bartholomew, Trenton, for an introduction to Matthew's gospel.
- In June we hosted a fantastic Celebration of New Ministry, giving thanks to God for our shared ministry together. The Bishop of the Diocese of NJ presided, and the Bishop of the NJ Synod preached.
- Andrew McTigue, an Eagle Scout candidate, did a project to rehabilitate the dying vegetation in our graveyard. Not only did this improve the landscaping on our block, but we built a relationship with the McTigue family. Fred Vereen and I were invited guests at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in January 2017.
- We hosted ecumenical Advent Vespers with St Mark, Hamilton, and St Bartholomew, Trenton.
- We held two concerts in the month of December. Marco Panuccio, a lyric tenor and dear friend, held his "O Holy Night" concert, and we welcomed Sharim V'Sharot for an interfaith Christmas/Hanukkah concert.

However, we also had a few challenges this year:

- We reached a critical point in regards to maintaining our historic building. After obtaining a few quotes, we contracted an architecture firm to provide a conditions assessment, which will provide a scope of the work required.
- After a particularly violent year, members of St Michael's came together to begin a series of community conversations around the epidemic of gun violence. We have also begun naming the victims of murder in Trenton each week.

Your vestry and I have worked very hard this year to discern where God is calling us. This is not a one-time decision but an attitude – a way of life. And you, the body of Christ at St Michael's, are part of that discernment. Where is God leading us? What new thing would God have us do in Trenton? And, perhaps most importantly, what must we let go of in order to do this new thing?

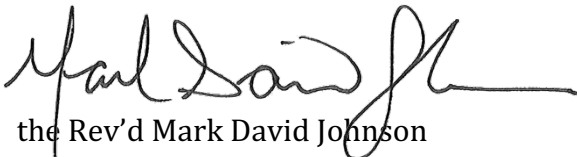
As your vicar, I have some ideas:

- I would like to see our building used more often and more efficiently. Although this might include some expenses, I think it will enable the neighborhood to feel like a part of our community. It will feel risky, and it will be a cultural shift for us, but as I preached recently, I remind you: St Michael's is not *our* church; it is *Christ's* church!
- I am hoping we can begin a new service project in 2017. This may include partnering with a food pantry or soup kitchen; it could mean starting a clothing closet or an after-school technology center; it might be an ESL co-op where we can help folks learn English as they teach us Spanish! We've been given so much – let's keep giving back.
- I am excited to lead you in building relationships with other ethnic and religious communities, particularly with the local Muslim community. Considering the recent election and the shift in political discourse, minority communities desperately need to know that they are loved and respected.

And as we continue through 2017, I invite your own ideas, questions, and challenges!

I recently had a conversation with a colleague about everything going on at St Michael's. She replied, "Well, you're a Revolutionary church – no wonder you're still being revolutionary!" I was speechless. St Michael's has been through a lot of wonderful and challenging things in the past 313 years. And yet, who knows? Perhaps St Michael's has come through it all for such a time as this!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always,



the Rev'd Mark David Johnson
Vicar

Budget - 2017

Line	Operating Income	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
101	Pledges & Envelopes	\$ 64,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 65,310	\$ 58,255
102	Loose Plate Offerings	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,541	\$ 1,194
103	Holy Week & Easter Offerings	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 238	\$ 20
104	Christmas Offerings	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 640	\$ 579
105	Altar Flowers	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,170
106	Easter Memorials	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 380	\$ 355
107	Christmas Memorials	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 325	\$ 272
108	Building Use	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,128	\$ 3,906
109	Nicklin Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,922
111	DIT & other Interest	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,157	\$ 2,018
114	Vicar Discretionary Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 950	\$ -
115	Fundraising and Miscellaneous	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,620	\$ 3,285	\$ 22,695
116	Transfer from Priest Fund	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -
117	Hospitality & Fellowship	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
118	Building Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2017 Categorized Spending Plan	
57%	Administration and Staff
33%	Facility Maintenance
3%	Programs and Ministries
7%	Sharing and Benevolence

Line	Operating Expenses	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
201	Diocese of NJ Fair Share	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
202	Vicar Salary & Benefits	\$ 41,944	\$ 40,708	\$ 40,857	\$ 2,955
203	Vicar Professional Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,224	\$ 54
204	Supply Clergy	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 196	\$ 6,649
205	Organist & Supply	\$ 9,625	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,950	\$ 7,836
206	Sexton	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,700	\$ 4,840	\$ 6,700
207	Vicar Discretionary Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 693	\$ -
208	Advertising	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 128	\$ 135
210	Hospitality & Fellowship	\$ 500	\$ 150	\$ 1,151	\$ 164
211	Insurance	\$ 18,800	\$ 16,360	\$ 15,702	\$ 16,360
212	Website	\$ 175	\$ 150	\$ 169	\$ 148
213	General Building Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,994	\$ 7,123
214	Alarm Monitoring	\$ 475	\$ 475	\$ 456	\$ 473
215	Boiler Maintenance & Inspection	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,424	\$ 2,421
216	Cleaning & Building Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 1,079	\$ 906
217	Copier Maintenance Contract	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 368	\$ 734
218	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	\$ 200	\$ 75	\$ 193	\$ 74
219	Snow Removal & Lawn Care	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,939
220	Utilities - Gas & Electric	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,784	\$ 9,787
221	Utilities - Telephone & Internet	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,160	\$ 2,312	\$ 2,669
222	Utilities - Water & Sewer	\$ 550	\$ 600	\$ 508	\$ 577
223	Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 1,614	\$ 662
224	Diocesan Convention & Travel	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 463	\$ 278
225	Worship Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 481	\$ 155
226	Altar Flowers	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,327	\$ 1,410
227	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 656	\$ 15,977
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 112,419	\$ 107,628	\$ 106,109	\$ 93,686

Total Operating Income	\$ 109,250	\$ 96,120	\$ 107,484	\$ 94,386
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,169)	\$ (11,508)	\$ 1,375	\$ 700

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Trenton NJ
Cash and Investment Summary**

Investments	at 12/31/2016				at 12/31/2015			
	Shares	Price	Value	YTD Income	Shares	Price	Value	YTD Income
Diocesan Investment Trust								
St. Michaels Endowment 91 (Acct# 1115)	436.456	\$47.84	\$20,880.06	\$864.24	436.456	\$46.63	\$20,351.94	\$862.05
St Michael Bk Remembrance (Acct# 1305)	521.229	\$47.84	\$24,935.60	\$1,032.00	521.229	\$46.63	\$24,304.91	\$1,029.40
St Michaels Church (Altar Guild) (Acct# 703) sub total DIT	64.160	\$47.84	\$3,069.41	\$127.08	64.160	\$46.63	\$2,991.78	\$126.76
			<u>\$48,885.06</u>	<u>\$2,023.32</u>			<u>\$47,648.63</u>	<u>\$2,018.21</u>
Wells Fargo Trust-Restricted								
Nicklin Trust - market value			\$86,016.28	\$4,000.00			\$87,872.48	\$3,922.23
Bucks County Contributionship								
Secondary fire insurance coverage Renewable June 16, 2018 (5 yrs)	Refundable deposit - 1983 Coverage	\$15,000.00	\$600.00	\$72.00	Refundable deposit - 1983 Coverage	\$15,000.00	\$600.00	\$72.00
Merrill Lynch Wells Fargo				<i>net change</i>				<i>net change</i>
Exxon Mobile stock [\$3,676 (50 @ \$73.52)] <i>sold at market on 4/27/2016</i>	48	\$87.14	\$4,182.72	\$506.72	48	\$77.95	\$3,741.60	\$65.60
Quarterly cash dividend + interest				\$35.24				\$169.82
Total investments			<u>\$139,684.06</u>	<u>\$6,130.56</u>			<u>\$139,862.71</u>	<u>\$6,182.26</u>
Cash								
Wells Fargo								
Wells Fargo checking (depository)			\$46,284.55				\$58,944.30	
Wells Fargo money market (1)			\$76,755.79	\$61.55			\$76,694.24	\$51.61
<i>closed- Wells Fargo Gold Business Pkg</i>			\$0.00				\$0.00	
<i>closed- Wells Fargo ECW checking</i>			\$0.00				\$0.00	
Merrill Lynch								
<i>closed-Merrill Lynch - Operating</i>			\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.62
Total cash			<u>\$123,040.34</u>	<u>\$61.55</u>			<u>\$135,638.54</u>	<u>\$52.23</u>
Total investments and cash			<u>\$262,724.40</u>	<u>\$6,192.11</u>			<u>\$275,501.25</u>	<u>\$6,234.49</u>

(1) Priest Project (2012-2015)	\$	34,947.85
Operating cash		18,000.00
Insurance claim		6,000.00
ECW (\$914.40) & Gold Business (\$100)		1,014.40
ML Oper, C&J, & Royal		12,102.00
"Air conditioning" (2008)		2,000.00
Other - estimate		2,501.05
Interest - cumulative		190.49
	<u>\$</u>	<u>76,755.79</u>