



## **Minutes from the January 6, 2019 Annual Parish Meeting**

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees and prayer.

Elizabeth Still was elected secretary for the meeting. The secretary moved that the minutes from the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation with one abstention. (Horace Higgins)

Three Vestry nominees were presented to the Parish. No additional nominees were brought forward, so no appointment of tellers for a vote count were necessary. David Still moved that the three new Vestry nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Carol Scheidler and passed. Lainey Gaines, Wanda Ziembinski and Marcia Murphey were welcomed as the new members of the ECA Vestry.

Many thanks and tokens of appreciation were given to the Vestry members rotating off; Doug Sweet, Suzie Hart and Ron Sedgley.

Three delegates for Annual Council were elected by acclamation. The delegates chosen are Susie Hart, Penny Capawana and Chris Renaud.

A detailed written 2019 budget as approved by the Vestry was explained to all attendees by Ron Sedgely and Fr. Paul. Copies of the Finance & Stewardship Committee reports are available on the church website and in printed form at the church office to all ECA members. All questions were answered concerning income, various expenses, differences which caused budget overages and shortfalls as well as reasons for variances between 2018 and 2019 budget items.

Detailed reports from the Vestry (as required by Canon 53, section2), parish organizations and Junior and Senior Wardens were presented to the attendees. Attendees also received the written reports. These written reports are also available for all ECA members and placed in Vestry minutes book.

Fr. Paul emphasized several key points.

- All ECA members are welcome to attend and observe the Vestry and Finance Committee meetings. If a non-Vestry/non- Finance Committee member wishes to be present at the meeting, they must notify Fr. Paul 2 weeks before the meeting. All other committee meetings are open to all ECA members, and all ECA members are encouraged to participate.

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- Now beginning his 10<sup>th</sup> year as the ECA Rector, Fr. Paul shared that he is not leaving ECA for the military or another church or any other opportunity. He loves the parish and having time to devote to his daughter. The attendees showed their appreciation and gratitude.
- His door is always open, all are welcome and encouraged to go to him directly with any questions or concerns.
- Because of his affiliation with the GA National Guard, he was able to get better health care for himself and his daughter at a greatly reduced cost. This is a welcome improvement for the McCabes and a tremendous savings for the parish.
- ECA given new music books entitled “Wonder, Love & Praise” through Hufford memorial
- A youth committee is being formed to support the current ECA youth and help grow our youth membership.
- There is an ongoing study of the best times for Sunday School for our children. There are challenges with both schedules we have tried (and are now trying).

Fr. Bruce Laird shared how pleased he is to be working for Fr. Paul and the ECA members. He emphasized that he is available 24/7 for pastoral care and help. Attendees expressed their appreciation for Fr. Bruce’s participation and support.

The various reports documented many successes for 2018. It was quite obvious that ECA is a vibrant, loving, giving community of people who reach out and reach in to support God’s children and share Christ with others.

Fr. Paul offered a prayer and benediction followed by adjourning the meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Still

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