

Unapproved

Advent Episcopal Church

13150 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden, Nita Martin.
- II. PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: Fr. Gabe offered a prayer for the annual meeting, from the back of the church.
- III. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS: Nita and Fr. Gabe recognized and thanked the outgoing Vestry members, Nita Martin, Nancy Bell, Pat Stewart, Sue Stroefel and Earl Thomas and Convention Delegates Jack Elliott, Ray Laffin, Jack O'Dell, Bill Rozon and Joyce Rozon.
- IV. CRYSTAL AWARD WINNERS: Crystal Awards were presented to: Man of the Year – Rich Raszkievicz, Woman of the Year – Judy Purdy, Couple of the Year – Chuck and Carol Siconolfi.
- V. INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES: Fr. Gabe introduced Nancy Bell who recognized the candidates for election. She thanked the Nominating Committee and introduced Vestry candidates Paula Bachman, Jim Fry, John Long, Pat Stewart and Barb Wolfe and Convention Delegates Russell Flack, Herb Norton, Sue Norton, Steve Powell, Bill Rozon, Joyce Rozon and Patricia Tomlin.
- VI. VOTING: Sign-in sheets were distributed and ballots were collected by pew.
- VII. RE-CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was again called to order in Paine Hall.
- VIII. APPROVAL OF LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING: Nita moved and Fleet Bell seconded the motion that the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- IX. FINANCIAL RESULTS OF 2014 AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2015: Jim Fry thanked the parishioners for their attendance. He commented on the disappointing financial results of 2014 and expressed his optimism concerning plans for 2015. He introduced Sharon Mather, who outlined her "attitude of gratitude" system of saving for contributions to the operating budget. Jim asked for comments and the following were offered: an outside evaluation of our power usage (Jim replied that this is being done), assurance that all doors are locked when leaving the building, installation of solar panels (Flavia noted that we have looked into this and the cost is prohibitive at this time), offering our property for cell phone towers (Fr. Gabe said that there must be a need by someone for a tower at our location). Don Cox noted that unless we turn the current trend around, the church can survive for only a few more years.
- X. RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Gabe said that he has long hoped that 100% of the parish members would pledge, no matter how small the amount, pointing out that there is no way to plan our activities without an idea of the funds available. He said that a pledge could be simply a verbal statement of intent.

- XI. ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT: Emilie thanked parishioners for their help in her beginning as a Rector, stating that this has been a gift not only to her but also to those she will serve in the future.
- XII. NITA'S PARTING WORDS: Nita thanked all who have helped during her tenure as Sr. Warden. In the future, she will be working on the neighbor to neighbor program and the grocery rebates.
- XIII. ELECTION RESULTS: The election results were announced. Vestry members are as following: 3 years – Paula Bachman, Jim Fry, John Long; 2 years – Pat Stewart; 1 year – Barb Wolfe. Convention Delegates will be Russell Flack, Herb Norton, Steve Powell, Bill Rozon and Joyce Rozon, with Sue Norton and Patricia Tomlin as alternates.
- XIV. NEW SENIOR WARDEN: Fr. Gabe thanked Nita for her contributions and announced that the new Sr. Warden will be Ray Joseph. Ray stated that he looks forward to the responsibility and to serving Advent in this capacity.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT: Harry Mitchell moved and Tom Carroll seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.
- XVI. CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Gabe offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Bachman
Clerk of the Vestry