

*Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity*

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**Sunday, Feb 9, 2020**

*Minutes*

1. Covered Dish Lunch
2. Attendees: Approximately 30 members of ACHTNA and Fr. Ross Guthrie, Mike Fekula, Dianne Havird, Jason Nault, Annabelle Shepherd, Bill Bargeloh, Paula Wahl, Jennifer Dorn
3. Mike Fekula to take minutes
4. Fr. Ross opened with Prayer
5. Mike Fekula discussed the eight main points of the 2019 Annual Senior Warden's Report (full report attached)
6. Fr. Ross presented the following items:
  - a. The ministry opportunities for the coming year will be scheduled and publicized
  - b. An effort is being made to integrate the various children's ministries to better utilize the time and improve attendance. The objective is and remains the making of disciples.
7. Tom Roberts discussed Acolyte training and mentioned that Fr. Rick Barbare will present a lesson on Daniel
8. Fr. Ross discussed the major parts of the Annual Parish Report, including the following:
  - a. The Children's Christmas Pageant was held on December 15 and drew good participation
  - b. The Christmas Eve Service was well attended because it was held early in the evening, and not at midnight
  - c. Fr. Theo and Miss Patience renewed their marriage vows at ACHTNA after 20 years of marriage
  - d. Confirmation and Reception was held on January 29, with Bishop Terrell Glenn presiding
  - e. The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study continues to be a thriving ministry, at times drawing 20 women
  - f. The Daughters of the Holy Cross engaged in various activities in 2019 including hosting Samaritan's Purse, sponsoring a family, producing Easter baskets for the children's egg hunt, and giving money to those in need
  - g. Wednesday nights at ACHTNA continue to be active and well attended. As shown in the report, various multiweek studies were presented. Several freestanding lessons were recently offered, after which Wednesdays are returning to Bible teaching
  - h. Fr. Ross emphasized the importance of the Altar Guild ministry. The Altar Guild seeks new members
9. Jennifer Dorn gave the financial report which included income/expense, balance, and outreach budget handouts (see attached). February 9, 2020 is Jennifer's last day serving as treasurer. The ACHTNA extended its appreciation for her service and the Vestry and ACHTNA prayed for her.
10. James Camak was nominated to serve on the Vestry in one of the two open positions for 2020. With no opposition, James was elected by acclamation in a voice vote. The Vestry and ACHTNA prayed for him.
11. Next Meeting: TBD
12. Closing prayer: Fr. Ross

## 2019 Annual Report from the Senior Warden

February 9, 2020

Mike Fekula

One year ago, the pending retirement of Father Rob Hartley made our main concern the calling of a new Rector. One year hence, we find ourselves the recipients of God's very special blessing in the form of Father Ross and Mrs. Katherine Guthrie, and their precious 10 children. The first 10 months of 2019 were bathed in extraordinary prayer on the part of our individual members and the special efforts of groups like our Ladies Bible Study and its prayer warriors. While the Vestry acting as a search team dedicated countless hours to this effort, we recognize that it was not human hands that brought Father Ross and his family to us. Your vestry members, Paula Wahl, Dianne Havird, Annabelle Shepard, Bill Bargeloh, Jason Nault, and Mike Fekula give all the glory to God. We extend our appreciation to Bishop David Bryan for his participation in our retreat at St. Christopher's where he provided valuable guidance about conducting a search and making the call to a new rector. Again, to God be the glory.

While the focus of 2019 was on the Rector search, the Vestry engaged in other business. The renovation of our worship space and other parts of the building was completed in early spring. During that process there was discussion of permanently exchanging the current worship space with that of the Fellowship Hall. Although there are some advantages to making such a switch, the Vestry decided that any such major decisions would be tabled until the new Rector's arrival. The Vestry also felt that absorbing additional costs beyond those of the planned renovation activities would be unwise at that time.

Since 2017, the Vestry frequently discussed the existing mortgage considering the need to provide compensation for a full-time Rector. During those discussions, various options were explored which could possibly pay off the debt in short order. One of those options was to sell some of the land owned by the church because a business expressed interest in the property. The Vestry took the position that if some land could be sold at a price that would pay off the entire mortgage, then such a deal might be in the best interest of the church. During the negotiation process, the amounts proposed by the realtor and business were not enough to pay the mortgage. In addition, the realtor began proposing ideas such as cutting a right-of-way through our property and thus dividing it. In short, it appeared that the business did not intend to offer anywhere near enough money to make it worth our while. Based upon our experience with this proposal, I, as outgoing Senior Warden strongly recommend to the remaining and incoming Vestry members that ACHTNA retain all of its land for the foreseeable future. The fact that two businesses have shown an interest in our land and business growth has exploded in this area indicates that God has given us a valuable property which will continue to increase in value. Since the land sale was first proposed, I believe that we received signs from God showing us not to sell any land. Finally, Father Dan Brown offered the following interesting comment about selling land: "It's a good trick, but you only get to do it one time."

In contrast to a land sale, I also recommend to the Vestry that we engage in an explicit stewardship campaign to pay off the church mortgage more quickly. While we have made significant strides in reducing the mortgage by nearly \$100,000 in the past two years, the remaining approximately \$350,000 still carries some risk. In addition, the interest payments on the mortgage would be better put toward ministries. So, I ask both the members and the Vestry to prayerfully consider an aggressive effort to pay off the mortgage.

In March 2019, Jackie and I attended the Diocese of the Carolinas Synod in Charlotte, North Carolina. We were blessed by meeting numerous Anglicans and their priests from throughout the Diocese. The experience helped us to understand that we as individuals and the ACHTNA are part of something larger than us. It also helped us to see that ACHTNA is tremendously

blessed with our physical facility and our membership. Although at times we might see ourselves as small and lacking a traditional Cathedral for a church, our assets exceed those of many churches in the Diocese. As an example, one church has been meeting for 18 years in space that is borrowed only weekly. Each week they unpack and repack everything in Rubbermaid containers and store them until the next week. In another case, a brand-new church must reset their sanctuary space after the service in order to convert it into a fellowship hall because they have only one room large enough for each function. ACHTNA has two dedicated spaces and we are truly blessed. If you are ever given the opportunity to attend a Synod, please go. It will be well worth your time.

There are a great many things that the Vestry has discussed over the past three years that still need to be done or that would enhance the mission and ministry of ACHTNA. I encourage the individual members of ACHTNA to engage the Vestry and solicit opportunities to help. The minutes of the Vestry meetings are published on the website, so some of the details can be found there.

I offer one last recommendation, as well as a regret that I was not able to accomplish and establish this during my time on the Vestry. ACHTNA will benefit greatly by establishing a vision and strategic plan. A good strategic plan will include action items and timelines, as well as budgetary commitments in order to ensure the plan is executed. A strong vision will get everyone on board and moving in the same direction. While we all recognize that the Lord's mission is clear and we are not about redefining that, it is also clear that He has given us a sound mind with which to achieve that mission in the most efficient and effective way.

My experience on the Vestry is one of the few cases in my life where I received more than I gave. Being very new to ACHNTA in 2016, I was not at all connected to the essence of ACHTNA, which is its people. While I am called to love all ACHTNA members, and I do, over the past three years I have come to admire, respect, and love Annabelle, Dianne, Paula, Bill, Jason, Jennifer, Fr. Rob, and Fr. Ross in a special way. In turn, I encourage all ACHTNA members to respond to your call to service. It will bring you closer to Jesus.

In His Service and Yours,

Mike Fekula

Senior Warden

January 2017- February 2020

**Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity 2019**  
**Income/ Expense**  
 January - December 2019

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Tithes and Offerings	244,246.78
Total Tithes and Offerings	\$ 285,649.89
Transfer from acc	52,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 337,649.89</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b><u>Building Renovation</u></b>	
Building renovation & painting 2019	37,598.48
Audio Visual	5,767.82
Total Building renovation & painting 2019	\$ 43,366.30
<b>Total non-budgetted expenses</b>	<b>\$ 43,366.30</b>
<b><u>Buiding</u></b>	
Maintenance of building & equip	15,888.37
Merovan POA	3,173.49
<b>Total Maintenance of Building &amp; equip</b>	19,061.86
<b><u>Operations</u></b>	
Advertising	725.74
Altar Flowers	3,176.00
CCLI & Music Supplies	260.24
Children's Ministry / Church	157.59
Church Cell Phone	526.62
Fellowship, Adult Christian Formation	1,400.99
Internet, Phone (comcast)	2,579.48
Mortgage	48,000.00
Mortgage Reduction	12,000.00
Analysis Charge Bank	43.87
Office Supplies / Administration	6,619.42
Pest Control	270.00
Power (SCE & G)	4,538.37
Printer Lease contract	3,316.68
Printer maintenance & toner	1,774.87
Property & liability Insurance	2,398.50
Sacristry Supplies	1,325.96
Security System	270.00
Saint Christopher Summer Camp	1,668.00
Water & Sewer NA	2,286.15
Website Host server	547.35
Wednesday night supper-food	5,075.90
Yard Maintenance	1,020.49
<b>Total Non-Staff Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 134,514.83</b>

Outreach

Global Outreach	1,500.00
ARDF	2,500.00
Christ Church Jerusalem	400.00
Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders	3,400.00
Wycliffe (Schmidts)	200.00
<b>Total Global Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>

Local Outreach

Clergy Discretionary Fund	6,831.40
Community Ministries of NA	1,000.00
Family Promise of Augusta	1,017.96
Local Outreach/Community Projects	3,308.43
Iwuji	1,800.00
Easter Egg Hunt	300.44
Priest Gifts	
Lenten Luncheon	243.38
<b>Total Local Outreach/Community Projects</b>	<b>\$ 15,001.61</b>
Megiddo Dream Station	1,000.00
The Lydia Project	1,000.00
<b>Total Local Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 25,850.97</b>
Regional Outreach	0.00
Diocesan Pledge	10,000.00
Kairos Prison Ministry	200.00
Trinity Seminary	1,406.46
<b>Total Regional Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 11,606.46</b>
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 41,957.43</b>

Staff Compensation

Assisting Priest	0.00
<b>Total Assisting Priest</b>	<b>\$ 6,450.00</b>
Child Care - Nursery Staff	2,400.00
Clergy Continuing Education	37.75
Guest Preachers/ special programs	1,675.00
New Rector Fund	48,000.00
Parish Administrator	3,120.00
Rector	260.00
Hartley	9,000.00
Guthrie	20,004.00
<b>Total Rector</b>	<b>\$ 29,004.00</b>
sexton	2,880.00
<b>Total Staff Compensation</b>	<b>\$ 93,566.75</b>

Transfer to sub accounts	4,916.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 350,107.85</b>

## Quick View

**DDA**

Data reported as of Feb 9, 2020 8

Account Number	Available Balance	Current Ledger	Memo Available Balance	Total Funds Available
<u>*9360</u> Checking Account	\$18,171.00	\$18,171.00	\$17,740.41	\$17,740.41
<u>*1301</u> Reserve Account	\$5,127.70	\$5,127.70	\$5,127.70	\$5,127.70
<u>*1328</u> Building Fund	\$13,585.85	\$13,585.85	\$13,585.85	\$13,585.85
<u>*2970</u> Memorial Fund	\$1,355.00	\$1,355.00	\$1,355.00	\$1,355.00
<u>*3195</u> Future staff	\$89,271.53	\$89,271.53	\$89,271.53	\$89,271.53
<u>*9749</u> Merovan POA	\$972.09	\$972.09	\$972.09	\$972.09

**LOC**

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Account Number	Principal Loan Balance	Payoff Amount	Available Credit	Payment Due Date
<u>*6145</u> Mortgage	\$347,413.66	\$348,069.88	\$0.00	03/08/2020

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### **2019 Outreach Budget**

Below are the funds Holy Trinity is committing to outreach projects this year, including our support of our diocese.

		2017	2018	2019
Global	Anglican Relief and Dev Fund	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Christ Church Jerusalem	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
	Gambella School, Ethiopia	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	Johann/Louise Vanderbijl (SAMS)	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
	Wycliffe (Schmidt's)	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Local	Clergy Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
	Community Ministry of NA	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Family Promise of Augusta	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1000
	Lydia Project	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1000
	Local Outreach/Community Projects	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5000
	Megiddo	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1000
Regional	Diocesan Pledge	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10000
	Kairos Prison Ministry	\$ 200	\$ 400	\$ 400
	Trinity Seminary	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
	<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 29,100</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 33300</b>