

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

The 2025 Annual Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Chip Dischinger at 12:40 p.m. A quorum was declared. Pat Gearn was appointed secretary for this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF 2024 MINUTES**

It was moved by Deb Green and supported by Erica Fulton to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes as presented.

**SENIOR WARDEN REPORT**

Sue Carpenter, Sr. Warden, shared her 2024 report highlighting the Friday Fill-Up program, participation in Belleville Lakefest, and a Community Prayer Box that was installed on the property. The biggest highlight of the year was calling Rev. Chip to be our full time Rector.

**JR. WARDEN REPORT**

Eddy Fulton, Jr. Warden, shared his 2024 report highlighting Trinity's beautiful grounds and Memorial Garden that are maintained by Pat Marshall and Gabby Burton. Several repairs were made in the kitchen and tile floors throughout the building were rewaxed.

**RECTOR REPORT**

Rev. Chip shared his report as part of his Sunday sermon. Some of the highlights in 2024 were the Blessing of two marriages, we continue to share our building with three AA and one Ala-Non group. Friday Fill-Up provides approximately 50 weekend take home meals for students who are food challenged. Provided over 75 free lunches for children and adults at Crossroads of Michigan and most importantly being called the Rector at Trinity.

**2024 FINANCE, ENDOWMENT AND 2025 BUDGET**

Trinity ended the year strong, with a surplus despite increasing our expenses to bring on Rev. Chip as our full-time priest. The Motion to accept the 2025 Budget, as submitted, was made by Darryl Conliffe and supported by Sharon Peters. Motion approved by acclamation.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

Written reports from Rev. Chip Dischinger, Rector; Sue Carpenter, Sr. Warden; Eddy Fulton, Jr. Warden; 2024 Finance and Endowment; Daryl Royal, Stewardship; Eucharistic Ministries and Lectors, Brenda Thom; Welcomers, Maria Conliffe; Flower Guild, Brenda Thom; Altar Guild, Erica Fulton; Communion Bread, Erica Fulton; The Lunch Bunch, Jeanne Power; Stream Team, Amber Chadwick; Fellowship and Sharing, Fiona Gray; Music, Jenifer Dapsi-Morse; Worshipful Team, Gabby Burton; Memorial Garden, Gabby Burton; Friday Fill-Up, Fiona Gray. Motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Amber Chadwick and supported by Nancy Copeland. Motion approved by acclamation.

## **OUTGOING VESTRY MEMBERS**

Special thanks and appreciation go to Nancy Copeland, Eddy Fulton, and Peter Gregory for their hard work and dedication to Trinity for the last three years.

## **VESTRY ELECTION**

Hanna Diaz, Brenda Thom, and Vance Power were nominated for a three-year vestry term. Since there were no other nominations these three individuals were elected by acclamation.

## **2025 DOWNRIVER DEANERY**

Deb Green and Fiona Gray were nominated as Trinity's Deanery representatives. Since there were no other nominations these two individuals were elected by acclamation.

## **2025 DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Mary Hill and Sharon Peters were nominated as Trinity's Convention Delegates. Since there were no other nominations these two individuals were elected by acclamation.

## **VIDEO PRESENTATION**

Gabby Burton provided a slideshow of Trinity's highlights for 2024.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Darryl Conliffe and supported by Eddy Fulton. The motion carried by acclamation. The 2025 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Gearns  
Vestry Secretary