

**St. Brendan the Navigator  
Minutes of the Recessed Annual Meeting  
Sunday, August 13, 2017**

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was present – 25 members were in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Report of Findings and to present the Proposed Parish Renewal Plan. Fr. Edward Dufresne reviewed the Report of Findings. He noted that after the July 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, new Parish Strengths were added and some Parish Needs were expanded.

Before the Proposed Parish Renewal Plan was presented, Fr. Dufresne made these points:

- This Plan will be the chief focus of our efforts for the next 14 months. It will become our “marching orders.”
- Eleven goals were identified in order for us to be strengthened and re-positioned.
- This alone is what we will be doing. It’s not this and everything else. This means change; it is an interruption to business as usual.

Fr. Dufresne gave a general overview of the Plan and then went through it point by point. Questions and comments were raised:

- Is the decision-making process going to come from the committee/ministry or from the Vestry? Fr. Dufresne responded that it will be a collaborative process with the Vestry working with the particular ministry.
- A comment was made that we may need to reassess our list of wishes. Fr. Dufresne said we may have to go back to the congregation. There will be flexibility.
- What will we do in Fr. Dufresne’s absence at the end of November? Lis said there is a plan in foot to put something in place to continue the momentum started by Fr. Dufresne.
- Discussion on the budget(s) and when the Stewardship campaign should begin. There will probably be two budgets: one to get us through September 2018 and then a budget after September 2018 when/if a priest is called. We will have a rolling Stewardship campaign with everyone being personally contacted. It will be clear at the end of August 2018 if we can sustain a priestly presence.
- Will the Plan articulate other areas of stewardship we will need funding for? Fr. Dufresne responded that it will be the full range of ministry we expect to have but now with the priestly presence.

Fr. Dufresne passed out the Renewal Plan Timetable and stated this plan will require deployment and re-deployment of people throughout the 14-month period.  
Comments:

- Several felt that the budget/stewardship campaign should begin immediately – do it before our seasonal folks vacate. Fr. Dufresne said these are strategic issues that need to be worked out with the Renewal Team and Vestry.
- Meg Graham asked for some clarification on the relationship between the Priest-in-Charge and the Renewal Plan. She commented that people may want to know if the Renewal Plan is working before they commit to increased funding for a Priest-in-Charge. She felt fulfillment of the action of the plan will motivate people to give. Meg said that Stewardship has to be far more than money and commented that what is exciting and interesting is not the money, but the amount of good stuff that is going on that a lot of members don't know about. Lis commented that the Annual Report provides an account of the amazing amount of activity going on.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Lis asked for a motion to adopt the Parish Renewal Plan to be implemented during a parish renewal period lasting fourteen months (August, 2017 through September, 2018). Peter Tarlton so moved. Julie Pierson seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the Parish Renewal Plan passed unanimously.

Fr. Dufresne asked us to do one more thing: to pray daily for the success of this Plan. He closed the meeting with the Prayer of St. Brendan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian  
Clerk