

# St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

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670 East Monroe Avenue  
Hartford, Wisconsin 53027

Annual Parish Meeting  
Sunday, January 26, 2025

A chili luncheon was provided in gratitude for our retiring senior warden Donna Dinco. Thank you Donna for your exceptional service.

Reverend Esther Kramer called the meeting to order.  
We were led in song by Deacon Terry Garner and Ann Marsh-Meigs.

Senior Warden, Donna Dinco's Report:

In past year: -

- Furnace repairs were completed
- External lights above windows, entrances and parking lot light were replaced with grant money
- Fire inspection led to sprinkler repairs
- Technology for audio and for streaming were improved with grant money
- Inside light in vestibule was improved with Creation Care Grant
- Love Your Neighbor grant was spent on pantry items
- Balanced budget for 3rd year
- Leadership team with Rev. Esther Kramer, Rev. Loretta Mendoza, Rev. Terry Garner and music director Ms. Pat Gardner is successful.
- Endowment Committed completed updating its policy
- Routine maintenance of building has an established schedule
- Successful Outreach successes with Little Pantry, backpack giveaway, Giving Tree ministry, rummage sale, Christmas bazaar, quilt raffle, potato bar in Lent, and Hartford Community Lunch all continue

Junior Warden, Eric Wetzel's Report:

- Thank you Donna Dinco for covering my report and for your years of service
- Fascia on outside of building needs replacement
- Concrete slab at entrance needs repair
- Parking lot needs repair

Deacon Terry Garner's Report:

- Challenge how to be better, different and more
- Sit in front so our video streamers can feel like they are in community with us
- Should we have name tags?
- Need recruits for Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Visitors

-Safe church program to be updated through the Diocese of Wisconsin this year

Pastoral Assistant Loretta Mendoza's Report:

- Provides supply priest as needed
- Will schedule Blue Christmas service this year
- Anointing Service is well attended the first Sunday of each month
- Dia de Muertos will continue
- Ecumenical Lenten Service to be continued
- Confirmation classes has four students and includes meditation, uses a walking stick to teach communication skills, using a labyrinth to aid going inward, teaching lectio divina as a method to go inward with Scripture readings

Rector Esther Kramer's Report:

- Expressed gratitude for our loving community of Light
- Asks us to return to our baptismal promises and reject the forces of evil and to trust in God's grace and love in these difficult times nationally
- 2024 was a good building year with significant improvements
- Funds were moved from investments to outreach
- Launched a youth spiritual formation class
- Finances were streamlined as we prepare to set ministry priorities
- Expressed confidence in seeing a clear path to walk together in hope and joy!
- Suggested a Saturday retreat this coming year
- Need ideas for a "new big thing" this year

Treasurer, Mary Moran's Report:

- Budget is balanced: see attachments
- Pledges are sound with many increasing their donations
- Costs increasing, especially insurance

Endowment Committee Report by Tom Schaefer:

- Three phases for churches monetary stability: first eliminate debt, secondly build a sustainable budget and thirdly establish an endowment or retained earnings
- Ideally this should be \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for our church
- See pamphlet and attachments regarding revised endowment fund.

Accepted Gift:

- The vestry and endowment committee have accepted a gift of masonry stone work and it's installation behind the altar from Mary and Tom Barnes. This will take about two weeks. Thank you, Mary and Tom for your generosity

Nominations:

- Move to unanimously except and elect vestry nominations by Micki Hoffmann, second by Brian Shrunck: Elected: for two three year terms and one for a two year term: Mike Moran, Gerianne Kelly and Mike Weber. Passed

-Moved to elect Eric Wetzel to role of senior warden by Micki Hoffman, second Brian Schrunk. Passed

-Moved to elect Laura Johnston to role of Junior Warden, Brian Shrunck first, Mike Weber second. Passed

-Moved to elect Mike Weber, Micki Hoffmann and Donna Dinco, alternate, to serve as deputies to Diocesan Convention by first Sue Trewyn, second Brian Schrunk. Passed

Meeting was closed with joyful song.