

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2012**

Christ Episcopal Church held its annual meeting at 11:10 a.m. on November 4, 2012, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service which combined the regular 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services. Approximately 125 parishioners attended the meeting. The Rev. Joye Cantrell, Interim Rector of Christ Church, opened the meeting by welcoming all who had attended the service. She introduced Senior Warden Steve Roberts.

Steve Roberts told the congregation that at the next Vestry meeting on November 19, the Vestry would be voting on seven people to serve as the search committee for our next rector. He invited parishioners to forward names of people who would be willing to serve to any current Vestry member or to the church office. If a parishioner intends to nominate someone other than him or herself, the parishioner needs to first ask the nominee if he or she is willing to serve. Pledge cards will go out to parishioners late next week. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2013. We will be hiring a new rector, who will expect a higher salary than we have been used to paying. We have a new education building with extra expenses, and our budget needs to increase.

The Rev. Cantrell said that traditionally the financial statement for the church is handed out at parish meetings; however, budgets change with a single vote by the Vestry. Anyone who is interested in the financials can ask a Vestry member for a copy from the monthly statements they receive. She encouraged the parishioners to visit the Diocese of Georgia webpage (http://gaepiscopal.org/docs/clergy_compensation_guidelines.pdf) to look at the suggested guidelines for salary. Christ Church will probably not hire someone right out of seminary, so go to the middle range and upward to get an accurate picture of probable salary and insurance. Any priest who is interested in serving as the Christ Church rector will go first to the Diocese of Georgia website. Our diocese requires a parish to pay for insurance for the rector and all full-time staff. Christ Church has not had to budget funds for health insurance for the last 12 years as the Rev. Peter Ingeman had military insurance.

She announced that Vestry ballots for the 2013 five new members are on the side altar. Those parishioners who are over 18 years old need to sign the tablet, take a ballot, vote for five of the nominees and return the ballot to the basket on the table.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Ariail, Vestry Secretary