

St. Philip's Annual Meeting Part One

November 15, 2020

Today we gather to vote on new Vestry members and an amendment to the St. Philip's by-laws. We also want to confirm a vote that was passed by the Vestry to amend the St. Philip's by-laws to allow for the Annual meeting to be held virtually when it is not possible to meet in person.

1) Vote for Vestry candidates: **Marceline Adkins, Katie Lay, Vicki Mackey, and Melanie Yankey**

2) Vote on Amendment to St. Philip's By-law Article III (Officers, Deputies and Elections) Section 1 (Officers) to read, ***"The officers of the Parish, all of whom shall be members of the Parish and at least eighteen years of age shall include two Wardens, who shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church, for a total no less than three Vestry persons and not to exceed twelve persons."***

3) Confirm the Vestry's action to amend the by-laws allowing annual meetings to be held virtually.

"In the event of pandemic or other national emergencies, the Annual Meeting of St. Philip's Episcopal Church may be held virtually."

The by-laws will be amended to:

St. Philip's By-laws Article IV (Meetings of the Parish) Section 1 (Annual and Special Meetings) states –

'The Annual Meeting shall be held during the fourth quarter of each year and at an hour and place determined by the Vestry.'

We will add the following to this section –

"Upon the determination by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge and the Vestry that extraordinary circumstances exist making it impossible or unsafe for the Membership of the parish to meet in person at an Annual Meeting, said meeting may be conducted through the use of electronic visual and/or audio communications by which all members participating may simultaneously see and/or hear each other during all sessions. All members identified as participating by this means shall be present for purposes of determining a quorum and for voting."

Under Article IV Section 2 (Notice) the following will be added;

"If the meeting is to be held virtually, the two-week notice requirement can be satisfied by sending electronic notice of the meeting; i.e.; email and/or electronic newsletter. The Clerk of the Vestry shall send by e-mail to every member, at least 7 days prior to Convention, the URL and codes necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, and, as an alternative and backup to the audio connection included within the Internet service, the phone number and access code(s) the member needs to participate aurally by telephone. Any member who does not utilize the internet for communication should receive the above notices by first class U.S. mail."

Under Article IV Section 3 (Presiding Officers) the following will be added;

"The presence of a quorum at a virtual meeting shall be established by physically counting the members logged on to the meeting software, or by responses to the call to sign in with the unique voter identification provided with the login information. Votes shall be taken by the anonymous voting feature of the Internet meeting service or Internet voting service for votes requiring ballots. When required or ordered, other permissible methods of voting are by electronic roll call. The chair will announce the results of the vote. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent. Except where otherwise provided by canon, by these Rules, or by Robert's Rules, a simple majority will carry a question."

