

A CUP OF COLD WATER
ANNUAL MEETING, Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Good Shepherd Church Parish Hall

The Annual Meeting of ACCW was called to order at 4:35 pm with prayer by President Paula Baldwin:

*Most Gracious and Loving God,
in all this rain, we have been comfortable;
but many of your people have been cold and miserable.
Guide our hands and open our hearts
as we care for our neighbors
and provide as best we can for their basic needs:
water, food, hygiene and – above all -- dignity and the love with which you surround us.*

Paula welcomed all, especially two visitors: Joan Barnes of St. John's; and Lena Staton of Rescue Maui, with whom Paula indicated that we expect to be cooperating in serving the homeless.

Board members introduced themselves. Paula then noted that in recent newsletters she has called attention and offered appreciation to two groups, the Storage Room team and the Run Leaders. Today she honors and thanks the Financial Team: Leah Sarme, treasurer, and Lea Voss, bookkeeper, who have recently updated our financial records, transferred them to QuickBooks, and complied with the recommendations resulting from our first-ever audit (as directed by the Diocese of Hawai'i). The meeting joined Paula in expressing our appreciation to Leah and Lea.

[note: ACCW is a non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of Hawaii and its sole member is The Episcopal Church in Hawaii. Diocesan Council at its March 2018 meeting received the 2017 ACCW Annual Report and 2018 Budget and elected the Board chosen by ACCW.]

[Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were accepted by the Board at its meeting in April 2017, and the information is included in the 2017 Annual Report.]

It was voted to confirm the election of the 2018 Board of Directors:

President: Paula Baldwin, President
Rev. Amy Crowe, Clergy Representative
Leah Sarme: Treasurer
John Decker, Director
Rev. Linda Decker, Recording Secretary, In-Reach
Kit Hart, Stats and Run Minder
Peter Lee, Bishop's Representative
Mary Lou Mellinger, Corresponding Secretary
Chuck Spence, Director, Information Officer
Joan Vila, Director, New Volunteer Contact
Barbara Zipf, Director, Storage Room Liaison

Paula presented 2017 Annual Report and the financial reports, which had been handed out. She called attention to the Van Replacement Fund, so designated by the Board, which has been placed in the Diocesan Investment Fund and will be immediately available should the van need replacement. She noted that we have enough cash in the bank to operate for a year; however, donations have fallen off somewhat, as is expected as non-profit organizations mature. The “financials” include the value of in-kind donations, and of volunteer hours calculated at the minimum wage. Numbers of people served dropped slightly as St. Joseph changed the format of its monthly program. The number of spiritual materials handed out has increased, perhaps because we have been supplying reading glasses.

Paula stated that her current role for ACCW is “operations manager”, with a different focus from what she expected. She has needed to attend to the financials, the safety and security of our confidential records, and our communications.

She has also clarified our emergency procedures, should any mishap befall the van or any personnel; the procedure now is: call 911/ call Paula or the next-in-line as indicated on her message.

Our mission has not changed, and she has “a feeling we are in sound shape.”

Chuck has created a master calendar on a new website <https://mauiepiscopal.church/> The calendar is intended to list any activities posted by any of the four Episcopal congregations on Maui, especially those to which others are especially invited. All are invited to post information and photos, through the priests or through Chuck. The number of hits on this site have been high, and it will function as the gateway for visitor searches as well as being the “leaderboard” for joint activities.

Paula invited discussion of the future. As a totally volunteer organization, we are making it work! We have money; we need more people.

She stated that she is willing to be president for this year, and then we will need a new “operations officer” so she can focus on what is next? and listening to what God is pushing us to consider: She is thinking of a Board retreat, and of establishing a “discernment committee”.

There was further discussion of the need to recruit more riders, to be in touch with the other pastors on Maui, to coordinate with other helping agencies in case of disaster of some kind, and the need to keep reminding the community of our work and the supplies needed. Wearing our t-shirts when out in the community is one way of keeping attention on our work.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm with Prayer by the Rev. Amy Crowe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Decker+
Recording Secretary