

THE FUND FOR THE DIACONATE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes 96th Annual Membership Meeting Monday October 2, 2023

The president called the meeting, which was held virtually, to order at 7:01 pm ET. There were 8 deacons present, plus the proxy voters, which was a quorum. Dn. Miner, chaplain for the day, opened the meeting with prayer, and read the Necrology.

Dn. McCoy referenced the rules for participation in the Zoom meeting. He appointed Dn. Anne Pillot and himself as the tellers and proxy holders. He pointed out that the minutes of the 95th annual meeting were posted to the website.

The president reported on the finances for the year and the significant changes in our actions. all of which are reported in *Diakoneo* every quarter. Dn. Miner gave the final report for the “Advancing the Diaconate” campaign, a joint effort with the Association for Episcopal Deacons, which concluded on June 30.

Dn. Middleton, as the liaison from the AED board, reported on their activities, and that they were hoping to have a triennial conference in 2025.

The president reported on the work of the Nomination Committee for this year’s election. The tellers reported that there were 2793 deacons eligible to vote, and 421 ballots were cast, or 15%. Balloting closed before the meeting. Results:

Amy Bryan	263
Jack Karn	277
Fatima Yakubu-Madus	303
Write-ins	(1 each for Charles Perrin and Laura Siriani)
Abstentions	76

Dns. Yakubu-Madus, Karn, and Bryan were declared elected to three-year terms.

In addition, the results of the proposed changes to the bylaws were reported, as follows

Article IV: yes/349, no or abstain/72

Article V: yes/324, no or abstain/97

Article VI: yes/336, no or abstain/85

Article VIII yes/331, no or abstain/90

The amendments were approved by the membership and will be included in our next NYS Charities filing.

There was no old or new business. Dn. Miner provided a closing prayer. On motion and second (Ray/Swanson), it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

W. Keith McCoy, President