

St. Paul's Rules of Order Annual Meeting 2023

- 1) Agenda The agenda for the meeting will be presented first. Any member present can ask that something be included on the agenda. If that area is not already represented, it will be included.
- 2) Nominations will be presented on behalf of the Vestry by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor must have the approval of the individual being nominated. Nominee's present will be asked for their assent, if the nominee is not present, their assent must have been received prior to the meeting.
- 3) A motion to table a motion on the floor shall be received and vote called without debate. A motion to table without a specific time for consideration is in effect a motion to kill the issue.
- 4) The priest's "annual address" is to be considered a part of the rector's report.
- 5) Anyone may speak on any motion or issue. Members should be respectful to those who have not yet been allowed to speak on an issue before they speak a second time. The chair may impose a time limit if necessary.
- 6) A motion to close debate (often heard as "question") need not be recognized by the chair and does not need a second. If in the opinion of the chair, discussion on an issue (no motion having been made) or motion has ended he/she shall move to the next issue or call for the vote on the motion.
- 7) Any person may rise and say, "Point of Order - Prayer" and when recognized by the chair, the assembly will immediately pause for a period of silent prayer.
- 8) The Budget is presented by the Treasurer for information as it has previously been adopted by the Vestry. It may not be amended.
- 9) If the house becomes disordered or unruly in the opinion of the chair, he/she may declare a recess for the purpose of meditation and prayer. The recess shall be no more than 30 minutes (or shorter at the discretion of the chair) in length.
- 10) If on a voice vote the house is divided in the opinion of the chair, a vote by raised right hand or standing will be taken. Those who are unable to raise their hand or stand are asked to make themselves known. The chair will appoint two members of the vestry to count on each side of the room.
- 11) The Wardens, in consultation with the Treasurer and the Chairperson, will judge if a person is permitted to vote.
- 12) Any person present may, after recognition from the chair, ask for prayer.

- 13) Courtesy is expected by all participants at all times.
- 14) These rules will be in effect for this meeting only.