

Annual Meeting St John's Church & Day School January 28, 2024

Nancy began the meeting at 10:45 AM with a litany she wrote, "Litany Asking for God's Help with a Change."

Attending the meeting were: Michael Drinkwater, Nancy Gregory, Bill & Kathy Ann Henchar, Susan Schultz, Geoff Leking, Ann Bagby, Clark Magruder, Boogee Woltz, Yvonne Perkins, Cindy Feibert, Faye Sinclair, Tony Burnett, Hannah Draper-Burnett, Michael Potvin-Frost, Steve & Nikki Van Vliet, Joyce Summers

Handouts for the meeting included the Agenda, Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting, the Rector's Address /Report, Senior Warden's Report, Treasurer's Report with two Financial Report graphs. Reports from St John's Ministries of Altar Guild, Prayer Shawl, Community Kitchen; these were distributed to attendees.

II. Appointment of Clerk for the Annual Meeting

Hannah & Joyce volunteered to be clerks for the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were read silently by attendees. Some typos were noted on page 3. Nancy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Kathy Ann seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

IV. Elections

1. Election of Vestry Members

Sharon & John resigned from the Vestry in 2023. Joyce rotates off this year. There are 3 open positions. Nancy mentioned that according to the Bylaws, the size of the Vestry can be changed in increments of three if needed.

Tony is St John's Treasurer & currently an officer of the Vestry, not a voting member of the Vestry. Nancy nominated Tony for the three-year vacant position on the Vestry. Ann seconded the nomination.

Ann nominated Michael P. for the one-year vacant position on the Vestry. Hannah seconded the nomination.

Susan asked if the Vestry Meetings will continue by Zoom or in person? Fr Michael does not know at this time.

Nancy nominated Joyce (who has just finished 3 years as a Vestry Member) to continue for another 3-year term. Joyce was not ready to commit at this time, but stated she will think about it and pray about it and let Vestry Members know what her decision is soon.

Nancy moved to close the nominations which was seconded by Hannah Draper-Burnett.

A vote for taken to accept the two nominees, Tony & Michael P, by a show of hands. The two nominees were accepted by all.

2. Election of Annual Convention Delegates

The 2024 Diocesan Convention will be held this year November 8 & 9, 2024. The location of the convention is unknown at this time. Ann & Yvonne offered to be delegates, with Hannah as an alternate. Steven VanVliet moved to vote on the Delegates as currently presented. The vote on these delegates passed unanimously.

V. Written Reports.

The written reports of the various ministries were read silently. Fr Michael moved to accept all reports as written. The motion was seconded by Nancy Gregory. A vote was taken. It passed.

VI. Rector's Remarks.

Fr Michael gave his annual remarks following his written report found in the packet of hand-outs which includes his thanks to parishioners and highlights of the year. (Please refer to his report in the packet).

VII. Senior Warden's Remarks.

Nancy gave her annual remarks following her written report found in the packet of hand-outs which includes a summary of events & activities she was involved with throughout 2023. (Please refer to her report in the packet).

VIII. Financial Overview

1. Summary of 2023 Financial Report

2. Presentation of 2024 Budget.

Tony presented his Treasurer's Report by first stating: "We are running out of money." He continued by explaining details of his written report which can be found in the packet of hand-outs. (Please refer to his report in the packet). Following his Report, Tony answered questions.

Boogee inquired: Is there "something wrong" with being a mission church? Fr Michael, Faye, Tony, Steve, and several others explained that mission churches are almost entirely run by the Diocese of the Rio Grande rather than being an independent Parish.

Susan inquired: What do the financial resources allow us to do? "Do we wait to become a mission church?"

Nancy: We are looking for grants and working on a shoestring budget at current.

Nancy commented that the Diocese sent new by-laws. Steve remarked that these new by-laws clarify what the DRG owns – the property and assets of St. John's are shared in trust with the DRG.

Nikki commented that St John's needs advertising. She also expressed gratitude for Hannah & that she has an office with office hours 9-12 four days per week.

Faye inquired: What happened to the parishioners who were here before COVID?

Susan inquired: Do we have a line-item budget? Tony: not at this time.

Susan inquired: What is the cost of running the Community Kitchen. There was some discussion on breaking down and analyzing our costs line-by-line in the future, with no decision made or action taken.]

Nikki inquired: What about possible grants to help with costs of running the Community Kitchen? Nancy responded that she is searching for grants. Tony explained there were grants available in the past which were for COVID relief & they are no longer available. He also mentioned a BC/BS grant (Blue Impact) which he and Nancy are looking into. Fr Michael mentioned that he would make some inquiries with Rev Jill Cline who has successfully started up some programs lately despite similar funding concerns.

Nancy: 100% Otero has requested that St John's assist with a shelter grant for homeless folks in the area. The upcoming PIT (point-in-time) counts that are taking place on 6 and 8 February 2024 are a part of our participation in this mission.

Susan inquired: How can the number of meals served Thursday nights be so high? Kathy Ann & Bill responded that approximately 50 meals are served and eaten at the parish hall similar to Tuesday night. All the other meals are delivered to groups in the area.

Nikki commented that COPE has a cook. Do they need meals delivered? Tony responded that he will look into it.

Joyce commented that the Senior Center is no longer serving take-out meals, that a regulation was passed in April 2023 requiring all meals to be eaten in the Senior Center. It is in response to concern about the temperature of the food that cannot be maintained once it leaves the building.

Susan inquired: How are the job descriptions coming along? Steve responded that he is working on them.

Bill: What is the plan for our [Parish Hall] floor? Steve: Take-up will be 9+10 February 2024.

Susan: If the Church becomes a mission, do we lose the Day School. The short answer is no, but there was no elaboration on this point.

Fr Michael closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Fr Michael moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21PM