

St. John's Episcopal Church
Alamogordo, New Mexico

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2022

Sixteen parishioners attended the Annual Meeting of St John's Episcopal Church both in person in the parish hall and by Zoom between the two services of Sunday Holy Eucharist on January 30, 2022. Those who attended in person were Fr Michael Drinkwater, Geoff Leking, Joyce Summers, Deacon Aileen Walther, Randy Burroughs, Susan Schultz, Bill & Kathy Ann Henchar, Faye Sinclair, Ann Bagby, Nancy Gregory, John Shipe, Deacon David-Luke Henton, Christopher Van Vliet, and Yvonne Perkins. Louise Elliot and Susan Morrison attended virtually by Zoom. All parishioners attending in person received a packet of information: Agenda, Annual Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2021, St. John's Church Profit and Loss Budget Report, St John's Day School Profit and Loss Budget Report, and a packet consisting of Rector's Report; Senior Warden's Report; Junior Warden's Report; Financial Report; Altar Guild Report; St John's Playful Prayer Warrior's (PPW) Report; Community Kitchen Report; Prayer Shawl Ministry Report; Blessing Bag Ministry Report; Blessing Bag Ministry Report; and Annual Card Ministry Report. These Reports can also be found online in PDF format on the Church's website: stjohnsalamo.com in the Annual Meeting Section.

Fr. Michael called the meeting to order shortly after 9 AM and opened the meeting with a prayer.

First on the agenda was Appointment of Clerk. Fr Michael asked for a volunteer to be clerk and record the minutes of the meeting. Joyce Summers volunteered.

The Minutes of the previous annual meeting from January 24, 2021 were read silently by the parishioners attending. Nancy Gregory moved to accept the minutes. Geoff Leking seconded it. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read, with gratitude to Susan Schultz, who was clerk for that meeting.

Next on the agenda was the Election of Vestry Members. Randy Burroughs is rotating off and there are vacancies. There is one 2-year term open and two 3-year terms open. Sharon Kelman and Steve Van Vliet have expressed interest in being vestry members and were nominated. Ann nominated Joyce Summers, who declined at this time. Nancy Gregory moved that the nominations be closed. Ann Bagby seconded it. A vote by show of hands was held. Sharon Kelman and Steve Van Vliet were both elected as St John's two new Vestry Members.

The next item on the agenda was the Election of Delegates to Convention. Fr Michael explained the roles of the delegates. He and the Junior Warden and Senior Warden are currently delegates to the convention. Two more delegates are needed plus two alternates. Ann Bagby volunteered to be a delegate and suggested that someone who has not attended before would be a good addition. Ann Bagby was subsequently nominated as a convention delegate. There were no other nominations. Nancy Gregory closed the nominations. Susan Schultz seconded it. A vote was taken by a show of hands. Ann Bagby was elected as a delegate to the convention.

Parishioners reviewed the Written Reports contained in the packet they received. Randy Burroughs moved to accept the written reports. Nancy seconded it. The motion of accepting the written reports as written was approved by a show of hands.

Next on the agenda was the Financial Overview. Fr Michael reviewed the 2021 Financial Report and stated the numbers were good: The income for St John's Church was \$6,000 more than budgeted. St John's Day School also had good numbers. Fr Michael added that Christine Duncan, former Director of the Day School, had applied for a grant from the state of New Mexico which was subsequently awarded to the day school; the grant money is received in installments and will continue through 2023. Employees of the church will have a 5.9% cost of living increase this year in 2022. Fr Michael also presented the 2022 Budget. The budget is subject to change as the year continues. Building maintenance and repairs are being studied. There were two audits in 2021. Kathy Ann Henchar, Louise Elliot, Nancy Gregory, and Tim Kruse were acknowledged and thanked for their work on these audits. Nancy Gregory moved to accept the current Budget and Financial Reports. Kathy Ann Henchar seconded it. The Budget and Financial Reports were accepted as written by a show of hands.

The Rector's Remarks were next on the agenda and presented by Fr Michael Drinkwater. He made positive comments on the ministries of St John's Church as well as St John's Day School. A lot has changed throughout 2021. St John's has transitioned from total online services to a combination of online/in-person Sunday worship services. After years of service to St John's Day School, Director Christine Duncan left the Day School to accept another job, and Kami Allen stepped into her role as Interim Director. Fr Michael mentioned other ministries within the church: the Community Kitchen and praised Bill and Kathy Ann's work with it; the Blessing Bag ministry; the Prayer Shawl ministry; the Sunday 9:00 AM Formation Hour which has transitioned from online to in person; Morning and Evening Prayer services with Nancy Gregory and David-Luke Henton facilitating online streaming of them on Zoom and Facebook every day. Fr Michael acknowledged the work of the Altar Guild and its old and new volunteers, especially the work of Nikki Van Vliet. Fr Michael then posed a question for us to consider: How can our space [the buildings and facilities here at St John's] be a ministry?

Nancy Gregory next presented her Senior Warden's Remarks: Nancy Gregory commented on live streaming and the progress being made over the year by her work together with Gabe Mauger and Tim Schultz and how Zoom and Facebook have allowed us to feel more connected to others. An added bonus is that new viewers are regularly connecting to St John's services on Zoom and Facebook. She also mentioned St John's website, stjohnsalamo.com, how the website offers active links to the streamed and recorded services.

Next on the agenda was Junior Warden's Remarks presented by John Shipe. John reported on the columbarium area and various maintenance concerns and repairs over the past year. He commented that Anthony, the church's resident squirrel has caused no damage and is currently hibernating. The roof is in good shape. John also mentioned that the lightbulbs in the sanctuary were changed by Christopher Van Vliet and the Alamogordo fire department which now illuminate the cross and cause shadows of three crosses to appear on the wall behind the cross.

There were no further reports. Randy Burroughs moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting shortly after 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Summers