

St. John's Annual Meeting via ZOOM
January 23, 2022
Minutes

The Annual Report can be found here: [Saint John's Parish \(seureservercdn.net\)](https://seureservercdn.net)

In Attendance via Zoom:

Ted Bent, Shelley Caroe, Joseph Claro, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Tom Daniels, Mary Davis, Tom Dulack, Veronique Dulack, Natalie Dyer, Emily Fitzhugh, Bob Futh, Sally Futh, Camille Gillespie, David Gillespie, Fr. Geoff Hahneman, Ann Hodgman, Andris Kalnins, Constance Littlefield, Larry Littlefield, John Magee, Susie Magee, Susan Markert, Sarah Lee Martin, Susan McFeely, Justin Ormand, MB Witt

Call to Order: Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting at 6:34PM with a prayer.

Guidelines for Dialogue: Fr. Hahneman reviewed the guidelines for mutuality.

Approval of Voting Roll: Approved as presented in the Annual Report via a show of hands.

Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting: Approved as presented in the Annual report via a show of hands.

Presentation of Slate for Election (see annual report for a full list of nominations):

Fr. Hahneman asked for a vote on the entire slate of nominees by a show of hands. The slate was accepted as presented:

David Gillespie, Mary Davis, Wardens

Laura Daly, Clerk

Joseph Claro, Treasurer

Hunter Brown, Assistant Treasurer

Class of 2022

Jay Bauer, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins

Class of 2023

Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack, Joseph Claro

Class of 2024

Rebecca Bent, Larry Littlefield, Susan McFeely

Diocesan Delegates: Sara Coles, MB Witt

Warden's Report: David Gillespie thanked the Nominating Committee (Penny Bardel, Ted Bent, and Constance Littlefield) for their work. Among the many individuals listed in the annual report who gave of their time and resources, Mr. Gillespie called out:

Outgoing Warden Susan McFeely for all her demanding work on St. John's buildings and grounds, especially the rental of the Rectory and preparing the cottage for Tom Brand.

Outgoing Treasurer Lawrence Littlefield for his diligence, his ability to secure PPP funds, and steering us to financial health.

Outgoing vestry members Joan Beattie, Bob Futh and MB Witt for their tireless dedication.

Constance Littlefield and MB Witt for a very successful Fete which allowed the church to donate \$10,000 to the Washington Community Fund.

Geoff for his continued dedication, treating his parttime position as a full time concern.

Jon LaFleur for his dedication and musical gifts.

Tom Brand for his work to grow the music program.

Mr. Gillespie also recognized the late Ken Hecken for his contributions to St. John's as a former vestry member.

Treasurer's and Stewardship Reports: Lawrence Littlefield reviewed the published financials, and the current state of our stewardship drive/pledges. Although not required by the by laws or the Canons (it is the Vestry that approves the budget), the budget was approved as presented by a show of hands.

There was a question of why the financial report for the Foundation was not part of the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Davis explained that the Foundation is a separate 501C3 non-profit and will present its own financial report at the next Vestry meeting (scheduled for February 20th at 11:30 and open to all parishioners in accordance with covid protocols at that time).

Individual Reports (Buildings and Grounds, Music, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Leadership, Bishop Transition Committee, Holiday Fete, Outreach, Altar Guild, Floral Guild)

Fr. Hahneman asked if there were any questions relating to the published individual reports. Ms. Coles wanted to thank Jon LaFleur and the St. John's parishioners who were part of the Summer Choir for their dedication to St. John's music program, especially during this time of covid.

Report of the Priest-In Charge for 2021

Beyond the published report, Fr. Hahneman highlighted that fact that, due to COVID-19, parishioners are tired, anxious, and fragile, not unlike the state of the church nation-wide. But there are signs of hope and stability: the center of the parish has held, and we are better off financially. We are also becoming more engaged with our community through various outreach activities and our involvement with refugee resettlement.

Fr. Hahneman also discussed the task ahead of St. John's to determine what our future holds. The Rev. Joseph Shepley, Rector of St. Paul's, Brookfield, has been assigned to us to help us discern what our future goals should be. To that end, The Rev. Shepley will hold an all-parish meeting in the Parish Hall on March 12 from 9AM-12Noon.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hahneman closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Daly, Clerk