

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of St. John's Church

The Annual Meeting for 2020 was held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 via Zoom beginning at 10:00am. 69 parishioners signed in.

The meeting followed a service of Morning Prayer and was opened with a prayer led by the Rector, The Very Rev. Gideon L.K. Pollach.

Seamus Mitchell, Senior Warden presented the Meeting Minutes for 2018 & 2019 for approval. The minutes for 2018 were moved and approved by unanimous vote. Trudy Calabrese raised corrections of date and the rector's new title for the 2019 minutes. The minutes for 2019 were moved as corrected and approved by unanimous vote. Many voices joined Mary Jo Balkind in moving and Matt O'Connell seconding both motions.

Seamus Mitchell gave the Senior Warden's report: an overview of the challenges of the pandemic with thanks to the staff and many ministry volunteers. Thanks were given to the Vestry members who completed terms this year: Barry Grace, Nina Muller, and Vasana Hildebrand.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by the Senior Warden.

The election slate of Joseph Bonventre, Kristin Dennehy, and Jon Hatch to 3-year renewable terms on the Vestry was presented by Seamus Mitchell. The motion was moved by Mary Jo Balkind and seconded by Matt O'Connell. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The election slate of James Sanna and Mary Gay Townsend to second 3-year vestry terms and Seamus Mitchell to a second 2-year term as Senior Warden was presented by Gideon Pollack. The motion was moved by Mary Jo Balkind and seconded by Matt O'Connell. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The State of the Church Address was given by The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, Rector.

The Finance Report was given by William Wresch, Treasurer. Mary Jo Balkind asked for an explanation of the new unified budget approach and an overview was given.

The Stewardship Report was presented by Seamus Mitchell, Senior Warden. Dan Barbiero asked about the budget for 2021. A clarification was given regarding funding of Outreach and the Day Camp. Gideon remarked that leadership for Stewardship is sought.

The Outreach Report was given by Laura Swiggett, Chair. Trudy Calabrese asked how HHHI was conducted in 2020 and a description of the one-site contract with Gloria Dei was given.

The Building & Grounds Report was given by Scott Evans, Chair. Brian Swiggett inquired about the Preservation Fund. Gideon commented that it is at a historic high. Billy explained the use of the fund and commented that grants are being sought where applicable.

The Very Rv. Gideon L. K. Pollach led the assembled in a Closing Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.