

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting**  
**January 30, 2022**

**11:17 AM Welcome & call to order**

- Ian Burch is chair; Dan Buckler is clerk
- Attendance: 57 Zoom participants (~66 total people)

**11:18 AM Procedures & eligibility for voting**

- Ian and Senior Warden Kathy Katter ensured that all attendees are members (The bylaws state you are supposed to be known to Rector and Senior Warden and that you have communed three times. The latter requirement will receive a bit of grace this year given the COVID/virtual circumstances).
- Sara reviewed virtual meeting etiquette
- Sara Bitner reviewed the process for individual or group votes via Zoom and provided a test question/vote

**11:23 AM Approval of minutes from January 2021 annual meeting**

- No attendees requested edits.
- Marilyn McKnight moved to approve minutes as-written. Seconded by Sue Rohde. Unanimous approval.

**11:23 AM Thank you to outgoing vestry members**

- Ian thanked Graciey Van Spankeren, Judith Miller and Dan Buckler for their three years of service. He also gave a big thank you to wardens Bill Hunt and Kathy Katter for three years of service.

**11:28 AM Election of Vestry members**

- Three openings for the next three-year Vestry term. The three nominees are Bobby Gilbert, Matt Norby and Virginia Riggs.
- Request to combine and approve the three nominees as a slate for wardens. Approved unanimously.

**11:31 AM Election of Parish officers and convention deputies**

- Brooke Frizzell and Vince Katter were nominated for Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively. Each are one-year terms.
- Request to combine and approve slate for wardens. Approved unanimously.
- The Diocesan convention requires St. Mark's to send delegates. This year's nominees are Kyle Potter and Sue Rohde as well as the two wardens and the deacon. The two alternates are Kathy Katter and Matt Phillips.
- Request to combine and accept the slate for the Convention nominees. Approved unanimously.
- Ian asked for nominations from the floor for a two-year Vestry term to replace Brooke Frizzell's full term. Michelle Mooney nominated Stephanie Dudek, but she declined the nomination. Sue Rohde nominated herself and Genevieve Vassell seconded it. Her nomination was approved unanimously.

#### **11:40 AM Rector's report**

- Ian thanked all staff and leaders for their dedication and perseverance for the last year.
- Ian discussed the financial realities and the big deficit that we face, though he noted that the Vestry voted upon the budget with eyes wide open and interested in investing in the future.
- The diocese is in discussion with a buyer for the green space north of the buildings, though Ian does not yet know any of the numbers nor has he seen any new drawings for a new parish hall.
- We had a large, 19-member, mostly paid choir before the pandemic and now we have a 4-5 member choir. That is one of the major changes that occurred over the pandemic and one that Ian wants to address this year.
- The Shepherd's Committee is an important group, but it hasn't been able to meet very often over the last year. Ian will turn his attention and energy to that ministry this year.
- We need to have processes in-place to receive money from people's wills.
- Hopefully we can turn our attention back to parties again this year.

#### **11:52 AM 2021 Year-end financial report**

- Jason Shimko showed a high-level financial Operating Statement and noted that we budget very conservatively and we only include revenue for which we have line-of-sight
- Andy Martin asked what accounted for the significant increase in staff expenses over the last four years. Jason said it was because we brought staff more in line with current payscales and standards of living, and hiring George.
- Our cash and investments are doing well. The investments would be tapped if necessary this year.
- Barbara Eckblad asked if we had a concrete strategy around the deficit. Jason replied that part of that is based on hope and historic trends and part of it is to use our investments to fill any necessary holes. Barbara recommended periodic communication to the parish about our financial status through the year.
- Michelle Mooney asked what accounted for the decline in property expenses. Jason and Ian said part of it is because we have not utilized the buildings very much in the last two years, and that a few years ago we had a few major expenses in two boilers.
- Ginny Schrag asked if there were outreach funds put into the budget as there were two years ago. Jason said that there was \$3000 identified for outreach, the same amount that was in the 2021 budget.

#### **12:08 PM Senior warden's report**

- Kathy Katter thanked her predecessor Virginia Chappel for the strong Senior Warden foundation, and she thanked the staff for the great job they have done through the pandemic.
- Kathy elaborated on topics she touched on in the linked warden's report. She particularly noted the thoughtful, prayerful and difficult conversations around the green space and the replacement of the parish hall. Kathy reminds people to think about the future church and to imagine our role for people not yet born.

**12:15 PM Prayers for those who have died in the past year**

- We have lost three members of our community in 2021.
  - George Booth
  - Kris Kreuziger
  - Julia Fuller
- Ian offered a prayer for those who have died.

**12:16 AM Closing prayers and adjournment**