

Annual Meeting Minutes 2022

Call to Order at 11:22am on January 23rd 2022

Attendance via Zoom: 32

Attendance In-Person: 25

Approval of Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting

Moved to approved Al Burns; 2nd by Karen Dollar

Minutes approved

Thanks to Graduating Vestry Members

Gary Allen, Josie Cannistra, Kim Felder, Paul Strand

Election & Nomination of New Vestry Members - 11:34

Kieran Cannistra, Aaron Epperson, Ned Hayes, Kit Walling are our flight of vestry candidates

We are lucky that we can have up to 12 members, but typically have 9 so we can really elect all the candidates.

Kieran wants to focus on improving communication between the vestry and the congregation.

Ned just started attending before the pandemic and has had a wonderful and powerful experience with the community during the pandemic. He is honored to serve in this capacity.

Nominations accepted from the floor; No nominations

Madeline Moore moved to elect the whole flight; 2nd from Barbara Brecht; Approved 11:39am

Wendy Beth Oliver wants more conversation about what's going with the building, the staff, and the church as a whole. She feels as though not enough information was given about the hiring of the new music director, the associate rector, the timeline of the kitchen, and any other building improvements.

Kieran Cannistra, as previously stated, is committed to finding more systems for communicating vestry, staff, and building information so more people can feel included. Kerlin agrees and is sorry that these things haven't been brought up previously. The pandemic is teaching us new ways of doing all the things.

2021 Financials & 2022 Budget Overview with Treasurer Karen - 11:48am

Expenses: Expenses were a little less because we didn't have a facilities person or nursery care.

Kerlin's priority, as always, is Saint David's well-being so in wanting to be sure Saint David's was taken care of while she was on sabbatical, the money used to hire AJ has come from contributing to a sabbatical fund each year of Kerlin's tenure. The DPA went up more than we had anticipated.

The regular expenses are back to what they would be as we continue to use the building.

Income: The number of pledging people has gone down a lot. The amount there is a little aspirational. So much thought and prayer went into all of these numbers. Plate and building should be about what it typically is when we're back in the building. There is a transfer from savings.

Funds: Roof fund started in 2016 when we had roof leaks and anticipated needing a whole new roof. Kerlin and Barbara spent a million hours working on the roof and getting bids and talking to people. It turned out that the whole thing did not yet need to be replaced. In 2020, did targeted patching which has taken care of most of the leaks we'd been concerned about.

The Justice & Mercy fund is seed money for some things like Vance working with Hygiene4All and Cass working with Family Promise. The money hasn't been spent, but it's there when it's needed. The Memorial Fund is from our passed loves Doug Upchurch and Marge Thomas. This is our scheming and dreaming seed money. Some of it went to the capital campaign consultant per Doug's request.

Building Improvement Implementation Team Presentation with Margaret McCue, Team Lead - 12:02

The building was built in 1950 and 1958 and needs attention.

BII presentation link - <https://bit.ly/2022-bii-report>

Quick Update with Cass - 12:24

The how can we support our unhoused neighbors conversation started in earnest in February 2020. We have started with: Hygiene4All - 4 washers and dryers will be installed in the hall downstairs. A lot of conversation went into where to put them. The full project has been funded by Hygiene4All with little cost to Saint David's.

Family Promise was the program that had the greatest number of congregants interested when we surveyed in 2021. We are still working on sorting all of that out. The goal was for the chapter to start hosting in March 2022 ideally. But it's taking a little longer and that's okay. The Justice and Mercy money has not been spent.

Thank you to Kerlin for taking care of all of us, for being our friend and our support, for trying to make as many people as happy as possible. We are grateful to her for taking sabbatical. She needs rest as Jesus needed rest. Round of applause for her.

Presentation of the Jenny and Ray Brown "Just Thrive" Award - 12:28

It's important to notice the people who do the unseen work. The congregation may not be thriving if not for the faithful ministry of these people. Kerlin loves surprising people with these.

Margaret - She was just standing up in front of you, but without Margaret, the building would literally not be standing.

Deirdre - She has done morning prayer on Zoom 6 days a week for almost two years. She reads whenever there's a need. She is a faithful Hot Meals volunteer and has been for a very long time. Always there, always faithful. "The silver linings are few and hard to find and you are one of them, Deirdre."

Rector's Comments - 12:36

I feel like I've already said a lot. And we've heard so much.

We never thought we'd be doing this. Seminary did not prepare us for this. I'm privileged to know priests from all over the world and nothing prepared us for this. It is not for nothing that I say that I am in the best church there is. I cannot imagine going through the last years anywhere else. Thank you and I love you.

Anne Parks - 12:37

Jumped in and reminded us that we forgot about convention delegates. SO if you would like to be a convention delegate, email Kerlin.

Anne thanks Kerlin for being messy and letting us be messy and sharing with us and loving us and trusting us to love you. Thank you for understanding our vulnerability and being vulnerable with us. You are incredible. We appreciate you and all that you do for our community.

Adjournment and Prayer - 12:39

Meeting Conclusion Time: 12:41