

The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Michael & All Angels

3233 Pacific View Drive
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The Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Interim Priest in Charge

Minutes of the Zoom Vestry Meeting Jan. 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton	Senior Warden – Louise Stover
The Rev. Barbara Stewart	Junior Warden – Jim Palda
Treasurer – Jan Faller	Clerk – Susan Brown
Communications – Clyde Dodge	Ombudsperson – Steve Morris
Christian Education – Anne Conover	Mission – Mary Bailey
Stewardship – Keith Lumpkin	Fellowship – Gail Haghjoo

Buildings & Grounds – empty

Evangelism – empty

1. Opening
 - 1.1. Prayer by Susan Pinkerton opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
 - 1.2. The Dwelling in the Word, led by Barbara Stewart, came from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, on the baptism of Jesus.
2. Matters of General Consent
 - 2.1 Minutes of the Vestry meeting of Dec. 14 were accepted as submitted.
 - 2.2 Reports of commissions were accepted.
 - 2.1.1 The Stewardship Commission report from Keith Lumpkin shows that the parish is still about \$30,000, or 10 percent, short of its goal of \$290,000 in pledges for 2022. We lost about a third of prior pledge units and gained eight new ones.
 - 2.1.2 Although some pledges may still come in, we have dropped the budget for pledges to \$270,000.
 - 2.1.3 A steep loss in pledge units is not unique to us but happening nationwide because of COVID. The arrival of a new rector generally boosts pledges, Susan Pinkerton notes.
 - 2.3 Upcoming Parish Events

2.3.1 The annual parish meeting is proposed for Sunday, Feb. 13. It is unclear whether the meeting will be over Zoom or in person. Jim Palda moves and Jan Faller seconds a motion to hold the meeting on Feb. 13 rather than the first February of the month, because the annual meeting is traditionally held on Superbowl Sunday to ensure brevity. The motion carries unanimously.

3. Finance Commission Report

3.1 Review and vote on 2022 budget

3.1.1 The 2021 financial picture was positive because of additional outside donations to the parish and the generosity of parishioners. Pledges came within \$5,000 of the 2021 pledge budget of \$276,000 and could still rise a little. Mainly because of these increases in income, the parish ended the year ahead, but expenses were lower because of the interim rector.

3.1.2 The 2022 budget is proposed conservatively at \$497,000, as opposed to \$503,000 in 2021. This is because even were pledges at the level of \$290,000, they are too low to sustain a full-time rector. As of now, non-pledge donations are not increasing. The budget assumes a new rector will start in July, and other expenses will be the same.

3.1.3 The other big new item is the increase in the mission share fund, which is rising to \$60,000 from \$40,000, based on diocesan analysis of our income from 2020.

3.1.4 The parish set aside \$80,000 last year in reserves but is not doing so this year.

3.1.5 The Finance Commission may need to revisit the budget for the choir's return.

3.1.6 The budget proposal is still short by \$20,000, but it reflects conservative assumptions on the rector's arrival and other items, and the reserves can cover it if necessary. Jim Palda moves to accept the 2022 budget subject to re-evaluation of the choir allocation. Steve Morris seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

4. Old business

4.1 Changes to bylaws

4.1.1 Requirements for a quorum at annual meeting. The proposal is to change the quorum for the annual meeting from 75 people to a third of the membership, using the diocesan definition of membership in a parish.

4.1.2 Number of members. The Vestry supports the idea of reducing the number of lay members to nine but decides to leave the actual decision for the new rector.

4.1.3 Meeting dates. The bylaws do not need modification should the Vestry decide not to meet in summer.

4.1.4 Voting requirements. A two-thirds vote of the Vestry is nine people, so long as the Vestry remains at 13 members. This section can be amended later.

4.1.5 Grammar. The bylaws refer to “a” corporation, but the wording should be “the” corporation.

4.1.6 Steve Morris moves to accept the changes in the bylaws, and Jan Faller seconds. The changes do not cover section 4.3, and the recommendation for section 4.7 was not to change it. The motion carries unanimously and will be sent to the diocese for approval. (See attachment for final draft.)

4.2 Vestry nominations

4.2.1 Nominees who have agreed to serve are Stacie Tibbetts (Finance Commission); Colette Spence (Clerk); Brooke Pauley (Communications Commission); and Don Sheetz (Buildings & Grounds Commission – one-year term). Clyde Dodge moves that the Vestry approve these nominees. Jan Faller seconds. The motion carries, with one negative vote.

4.2.2 Nominees for Christian Education, Evangelism, and the Ombudsperson are in progress.

5. Reports of Officers

5.1 Interim Priest in Charge (Susan Pinkerton)

5.1.1 The gym is closed because of further rain damage last week to the ceiling. Susan Pinkerton is getting a bid for repairs and working to get the lights replaced.

5.1.2 The diocese has confirmed the parish’s tax-exempt status. Had we advertised for renters, we might have jeopardized that status.

6 Executive session for personnel issues

7 Concluding prayer by Jim Palda at 7:11 p.m.

8 Postscript

8.1 Vestry nominations. On Jan. 27, Susan Pinkerton requested a Vestry vote by email on a complete slate of nominees:

Colette Spence - Clerk (3 year term)
Stacie Tibbetts - Finance (3 year term)
Brooke Pauley - Communications (3 year term)
Don Sheetz - Buildings and Grounds (1 year term)
Steve Morris - Ombudsperson (2 year term)
Kim Montgomery - Christian Education (2 year term)
Clyde Dodge - Evangelism (3 year term)

Jan Faller moved to approve this slate, and Louise Stover seconded. Including the nomination by Susan Pinkerton, the clerk received nine votes in favor and none opposed.