

Minutes from 2/11/24 Annual Parish Meeting (in person & on Zoom)

Welcome: Interim Rector, Amma Eliza, welcomed all, called the meeting to order at 9:01am, and opened with prayer. Senior Warden, Win Fernald, also welcomed all to the annual meeting and announced Kathy Butler, as Clerk of the Vestry, will take the minutes of the meeting.

2023 Annual Report and Annual Meeting minutes: Win then thanked Kathy and Nelson Crandall, Treasurer, for the annual report. Hard copies of the 2023 annual report were available to all attendees and a hard copy of the agenda with last year's annual meeting minutes attached were also available. Win asked for a motion to approve last year's minutes, Tina Grubbe moved to approve them and Jon Showalter seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2024 Vestry: Win Fernald introduced the Wardens and Officers of the Vestry: himself as Senior Warden, Anne Baker as Junior Warden, Kathy Butler as Clerk, and Nelson Crandall as Treasurer. He also introduced the new Vestry members: Tom Butler, Elaine Chapman, and Vibeke Orsini.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Win named the current delegates to convention who were elected last year, they are Mary Jane Chambers, Nelson Crandall, Lise Crowley, and Sarah Simms. Alternates up for election this year are Renee Roberts, Phil Jackson, and Bob Chapman. Win was asked how many delegates St. John's can have and he responded that we can have only three. Sherrie DeWitt moved that we approve the named alternates for convention and Tom Butler seconded. The slate of three alternates was unanimously approved.

Aptos Community Youth Program (ACYP): Win introduced Lisa Freeman, ACYP Director. Lisa wanted first of all to share a memory of Roland (Reb) Rebele as he and his wife, Pat, made ACYP possible through an endowment. The Aptos High School Class of 2023 had 15 kids in ACYP. They were 8th graders when ACYP was first started. They were able to give 3 of these students college scholarships. A graduation party was held to celebrate them all and Reb and Pat came to the party. Reb went to each graduating senior and asked them what were their plans for the future and what else they needed. As a result, Reb talked to some of his contacts at Cabrillo College and asked them to seek out these students and help them. Lisa also mentioned that ACYP has support from their board, even with Reb gone. Liz Lindsley and Win Fernald from St. John's are on the board. It was noted that the kids in ACYP help lead and plan all their activities.

Senior Warden remarks: Win stated that Elizabeth Sanchez, the Helpful Shop Manager, couldn't be with us, but we can all meet her next Sunday, as it will be Helpful Shop Sunday with the luncheon to follow the service. Win also wanted to express his appreciation to everyone for stepping up when Mtr. Tracy went out on medical and then resigned. He is working with Canon Martha on securing another Interim Priest or Supply

Priests for starting in May and until we call a permanent Rector. Next steps on the campus development will be postponed until we have a permanent Rector, but we will still use all the good parish information from the Lift Every Voice project that was previously completed.

Solar Electric Installation: Anne Baker shared with us the current status of the solar panels project, where we got in under the wire with the original deal from PG&E. Sunbar Solar has been putting in the electrical system and will start on Monday putting up the solar panels on the south roof. The north roof will have solar panels as well, but since the roof tilts the other direction, there will be risers on the panels to catch the sun's rays in the south. As a result of the solar panels, we should save about \$1,000 per month in electrical costs! There will be some noise during installation. All the Colorado river rock that is our current roof will stay, but some of the rocks will be shifted to make room for the solar panel feet. It was also noted that Anne Baker is the Junior Warden, sometimes called the People's Warden. If you want the Vestry to know anything or if you have any questions, please talk to Anne.

Canterbury Homes Project: Jon Showalter shared with us the status of the Canterbury Home Project. Currently we are in the development stage, figuring out who we want to serve and pulling permits. The primary project team consists of Amma Eliza, Jon, Micah Posner from People's Housing, the Outreach Committee, and consultants like Anne Baker (St. John's building expertise), Nelson Crandall (lawyer expertise), and Sarah Simms (non-profit expertise). The team has consulted with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) about our plan to use HUD housing vouchers. They are interviewing architects, and should select the one next week. They are talking to the architect that is doing the housing for Peace United and the architect who built our current building. They will be creating a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) between St. John's and People's Housing. The building will look like what we need based on the survey (see handout). Some questions on the handout: Q - Who is a senior service provider, A - Community Bridges. Q - What does rapid rehousing mean, A - Someone who is losing their housing for whatever reason and we want to get them into something else quickly. Q - Can we prioritize our AFC guests, A - Yes we can and the case work will follow them, Q - Will someone who is staff be on-site, A - No, the goal is for the guests to form a tenant community, Q - Are we still looking at the north-east corner for placement of this project, A - Architect will figure out the best placement, they will first do a feasibility study, looking at separate units or a common building. The team is asking all parishioners to complete the survey and return it by March 1st. Copies of the survey are on the old piano in the Cafe next to the basket where they should be returned. The team is consulting with the Diocese as they will need to approve the lease.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson Crandall reported that the transition from QuickBooks to Realm is complete (everyone applauded). Nelson was very happy with the results. We balanced our budget easily this year, didn't have to cut anything, and gave some minor

increases. The electricity may see some savings when the solar kicks in. Four years ago we had our \$40K COVID PPP loan forgiven. That money was leftover to roll into the budgets. Last year we took \$10K of that money and \$15K from the bank to balance last year's budget, but we eventually didn't need it. Last year our expenditures were \$7 less than our income. We did the same thing this year, we brought leftover resources (money we already have) of \$18,132. There is over \$100K cash that isn't set aside for something. We have \$30K working capital for when people fall behind in their pledges, it's not a sustainable resource. We were able to balance this year because Amma Eliza took on the Rector job without retirement and housing allowance costs (thank you Amma Eliza!). The financial statements are in 6 separate groups but can be difficult to understand, they are located at the end of the Annual Report handout. We have the church, Helpful Shop, ACYP, Rebele endowment, Larry Mikkelsen Trust, and Daughters of the King. At the end of COVID we lost \$500K in the stock market, but it was all in the Rebele endowment. Now with the reports in Realm, it is designed so that you can see all the details. At the next Vestry meeting Nelson will talk about how to read the financial statements.

Closing: Amma Eliza said that this past year has been difficult, but she is so happy that everyone has stepped up. She closed the meeting with prayer at 9:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Butler