

## Minutes for Annual Meeting on November 20, 2022

**Present:** Fr. Andy Jones, Rector;  
Casey Reiser, Senior Warden;  
David Polet, Junior Warden;  
Kevin Featherston-Crowe, Treasurer;  
John Mullen, Andy Porter<sup>1</sup>, Ben Blagooee, Katie Terry, Jeff Bowen,<sup>2</sup> Stephanie Elkins,  
Darcy Becker, Julia Stanley, Erin Gasser

**Clerk:** Jeff Ocwieja

### **Agenda Items**

**Opening Prayer & Welcome:** Given by Fr. Andy. Jeff will serve as parliamentarian.

**Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes:** **JoAnne moves to approve. Kevin seconds.**  
**Unanimously approved**

**Nominating Committee/Election:** Description of open positions given by Fr. Andy. Casey running for senior warden. No floor nominations. **Casey elected by acclamation.** David running for junior warden. No floor nominations. **David elected by acclamation.**

Darcy, Ben, and Jeff completing their three-year terms. Three positions and one alternate. Carolyn Chadderdon, JoAnne Lehman, Dennis Lloyd, and Jeff Ocwieja running for Vestry. No floor nominations.

Carolyn, Stephanie, Karen Evans-Romaine, Janet Hyde, and Casey running for diocesan convention deputies. No floor nominations.

Two positions on endowment committee. Sherry completing term. Manjula completed a year of term. Judy and Sherry running for endowment committee. David asks if we should vote for one or two positions, clarification that you should vote for only one. No floor nominations

**Presentation of the State of the Parish:** Given by Fr. Andy. See report.

**Election Results:** Before announcement of election results, discussion of new mission statement from Casey and David. See packet. Comments from parish regarding mission statement. Anne thanks Fr. Andy for setting ground work for feeling more comfortable/bonded in community and setting ‘tone.’

**Jeff, Dennis, and JoAnne elected to Vestry. Alternate is Carolyn.**

**Carolyn, Stephanie, Karen, and Janey elected as diocesan dupties. Casey is alternate.**

**Judy Mills elected to 1 year endowment committee position, Sherry elected to 3 year endowment committee position.**

### **Reports:**

Annual Stewardship Campaign Update:

Endowment Committee:

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, “Andy” refers to Andy Porter. “Fr. Andy” refers to Andy Jones.

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, “Jeff” refers to Jeff Bowen.

Columbarium Committee:

Junior Warden:

Outreach:

Questions:

Status of Newall House? David explains that there are ‘technical challenges’ to the space, we need to have a very thoughtful plan before moving forward. Has requested meeting to have further discussion, hope to develop a 2-3 year plan. Hoping to have a meeting in the next 3-4 weeks, then present that plan to Vestry.

What is the expected cost/expense to bring building into code? David expects more than \$10,000 but isn’t sure. It will depend on how the space is used. Will definitely be a ‘significant’ amount of money.

Is plan to give to Madison Roots as the need arises, or will there be an annual contribution? Fr. Andy explains that committee is still coming up with a plan, originally all remaining in-gatherings for 2022 were to go to Madison Roots, but now it is every other month. Goal to work with a black-lead organization in Madison to help fight racial disparity.

Re Newall House, can admin assistant look into city grants for basic maintenance? Agreement that this is a good idea, David will look into that as well

Financial Reports: Given by Kevin

2021 End-of-Year Budget: In 2020, we used PPE to maintain our services/ministries. In 2021, we got forgiveness for those loans. Ended 2021 with a surplus of approx. \$43,000. Without PPE forgiveness, we probably would have had a deficit of approx. \$6,000.

2022 Year to Date: We are currently slightly ahead of expected income as of September 2022. In a very good position, both for income and expenses. Some items are significantly behind budget because of pandemic (e.g., educational programming). Current projected surplus of approx. \$51,000.

Highlights of the 2023 Draft Budget: Cognizant of likely effects of inflation, but goal for upcoming budget is to keep things largely the same and see where we are later in the year. Most things are kept constant, except for COLA (5%), no associate rector, and diocesan assessment. Income expectations similar to 2022. Uncertainty because we do not know who is still with us/how much people are willing to give. Expenses are similar to 2022 (only a 1.8% increase). Expected surplus of approx. \$37,000. Just a draft: will be revised between now and January 2023.

Questions:

Does the Vestry want to use surplus, separate from the general fund, and invest (e.g., in CDs)? Fr. Andy states that we will have approx. \$200,000 in ‘reserve’ by end of year. Vestry previously decided that we should have at least 3 months of operating costs in reserve (approx. \$120,000). Some of our funds are already held in CDs (or at least not totally liquid). Vestry should explore whether investing more makes sense given the amount in reserve.

Closing Prayer: Given by Fr. Andy.