

St. John's Episcopal Church
610 Young Street
Melbourne FL 32935
Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
February 05, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Father Eric via in person and Zoom.
Opening prayer.

Introduction of Vestry Candidates: Fr. Eric explained two Vestry candidates had resigned mid-session during their respective terms. At this meeting, two candidates to fulfill the remaining 2 years of those vacancies would be elected plus three additional candidates would be elected to fulfill Vestry positions of candidates rotating off after fulfilling their terms. Fr. Eric thanked those candidates rotating off the Vestry. A motion was made to introduce the three 3-year term candidates and the two 2-year candidates and proceed into nomination in one session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The five (5) Vestry candidates were introduced: Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, and Jim Williams (3-year terms) and Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas (2-year term). A call for additional candidate nominations from the floor was unanswered so the slate of candidates was finalized.

First Ballot: A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates for the 2023 Vestry. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Jr. Warden's Report: Deborah Miller-Caldwell presented highlights of completed projects from the previous year: Roof repairs and replacements, including St. Nick House, St. James House and the parish hall; successful filing of insurance claims for hurricane roof damage; replacement of doors throughout the campus; men's room refurbishment, upgrading of indoor lights to LEDs (thanks to Jamie Hamilton) and various repairs outside (thanks to Richard Huffman); placement of American flag in the park (thanks to the Boy Scouts); Memorial Garden upkeep, including ongoing work on the grass; repair of the floor covering in the Music Director's office; and the ongoing need for plumbing repairs throughout the building.

Sr. Warden's Report: Linda Fletcher summarized the generosity of St. John's financial support of Outreach projects – an all-time high. She focused attention on the upcoming Family Promise of Brevard hosting in February 2023, calling for additional volunteers and directing attention to the FPOB information and volunteer recruitment table set up in the Parish Hall. She summarized the outstanding contributions to St. John's Outreach programs and encouraged participation in the future monthly meetings of the Outreach Committee. Finally, she thanked Lee Steininger for his devotion and leadership on Family Promise of Brevard. She encouraged St. John's parishioners to volunteer for this important ministry, directing attention to the FPOB information and volunteer recruitment table. She thanked parishioners for supporting her during her two years as Sr. Warden. Fr. Eric added his thanks to Linda for her dedication, wisdom and leadership as Sr. Warden.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bradley presented highlights of the 2022 Financial Reports and the 2023 Budget

- Revenues for the year 2022: \$227,112
- Expenses for 2022: \$233,233. The fiscal year ended with a deficit of \$6,121.
- 2022 Cash on Hand: \$165,402 (2021 Cash on Hand: 156,939).
- The Restricted Funds accounts for 2022 ended with a balance of \$74,276. This included \$4,000 which Vestry-approved transfer from Restricted Reserve to offset 2022 deficit.
- 2022 Outreach donations were \$17,114
- 2022 Capital Building and Land Improvement expenditures totaled \$34,475.

The 2023 budget, approved by the Vestry, was presented. Budget Revenues (\$232,000) and Expenses (\$236,000) reflect a budget deficit of \$4,000. Details of the budget are available at stjohnsmlb.org.

Steve reviewed the advantages of participation in the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for IRA Tax-Deferred funds. The IRS requires anyone over age 72 to take an annual IRA minimum deferral each year. This deferral is taxable unless it is directed appropriately. Making the RMD a contribution to St. John's satisfies the requirement but no taxes are paid.

Steve extended special thanks to Susan Badgio, assistant treasurer, Carol Taylor, bookkeeper, and the Sunday counters: Ginny Bradley and Katie Wilson.

Report from Diocesan Convention: Jamie Hamilton presented highlights from the Diocesan Convention, held February 3-4, 2023.

- Presentations from the Diocese of Puerto Rico, the Bishop of Honduras and others.
- The world-wide influence of Anglican clergy.

The Bishop's Address highlighted the challenges and accomplishments of 2022.

The 2024 Convention will be held Jan 26-27, 2024 and Jamie encouraged participation by St. John's parishioners.

Concert Series: Skip Alcorn reviewed the accomplishments of the 2022 Concert Series and reminded all of the upcoming events: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and music (February), Evensong (March), and April and May music events.

Rector Report:

Fr. Eric thanked parishioners for their commitment to Jesus, the church, and the community. He thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service.

He highlighted the following:

- The country and St. John's is out of the Covid pandemic.
- St. John's must keep working;
 - To reach out to the community
 - To express love and the felt presence of Jesus
 - On outreach

He stated St. John's is beginning 2023 with a financial deficit. This is concerning and we cannot lose focus in 2023. Churches have a life cycle – this has been demonstrated throughout history. Change is part of that life cycle and we must be prepared.

The following are new initiatives in St. Johns:

- Dr. Jerry Davidson and his work with the choir, on the organ, and promoting new talent.
- The St. John's Concert series.
- "Tapping the Big Questions" – Fr. Eric will go out to the community in a forum intended to promote discussion and bring Jesus into the public conversation in a non-threatening, winsome manner.
- The Hispanic Ministry is still on the table as a search for Spanish-speaking resources continues.

Fr. Eric thanked Charlene Turner, without whom he would not be able to do the work given him to do.

Other Business: Discussion about the fate of the Yellow House, kneeler maintenance, the quality of the live stream, and evangelism was held.

There being no further business, the Annual Parish meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:40 a.m.