



January 30, 2021

Pending approval during 2022 Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting Minutes

Held via Zoom

Topics:

See "St. John's 2020 Annual Report" for detailed information

1. **Call to Order at 1:02 pm** - **Council President Kim Hendricks**

2. **Opening Prayer** - **Pastor Amy Kienzle**

3. **Established Quorum**

100 Members in attendance / 52 required for quorum

Note: The Zoom call was unexpectedly limited to 100 participants and some members were not able to join.

4. **Approval of Minutes** - **Kim Hendricks**

Motion to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.

M/ Karen Ross S/Margge Taylor Motion Passed 100% approval by Zoom Poll (open for 1 minute)

5. **Senior Pastor Report** - **Pastor Frank Espegren**

- Reflected on 2020 as a challenging year and recognized the Staff for their hard work and adaptability and the Council for their leadership throughout.
- Recognized the Council as having risen to the challenges of the year and all of the difficult tasks that came before it this year.
- Thanked the congregation for staying faithfully engaged in the life of the congregation in a year different than expected, and for supporting the mission with their time, talent and resources.
- Recognized that some things were put on hold during 2020 but we want to get back into worship and other strategic goals. 2021 will be a year of renewed strategic planning, incorporating lessons learned over the course of the last year.

6. **Treasurer Report** - **Kurt Galvez**

- Kurt recognized and thanked the Council, Finance Committee, Linda Baldwin and Kat Laturneau for all the help through a challenging and unusual financial year.
- Kurt present a review of the 2020 financial situation:
 - Envelope giving exceeded the previous year by about \$40,000, but fell below budget (as expected at the outset of the pandemic).
 - Bequest giving exceeded the budget and a \$90,000 estate gift allowed for the purchase and installation of video equipment that allowed for recorded services during 2020.
 - Over-budget items in 2020 included costs for video equipment (Equipment budget line) and filming and editing costs (Professional Services budget line) initially done with a third party. Those services have been brought in house for the 2021 budget
 - The Raise the Roof capital campaign concluded in 2020.
 - Spent: \$1,134,209
 - Raised: \$849,229 (the remaining balance was covered by the General Fund, out of money received from the Oehler estate, as was originally planned at the beginning of the campaign)
 - The sale of the First English property was concluded in 2020
 - Net sale income: \$511,837

- City Church Rent collected: \$85,000
 - Total: \$596,837, plus interest accruing every month
 - 2020 overall showed a net income of \$70,192. Cash on hand total as of the end of 2020 is \$1,516,889, of which \$877,948 is in a Restricted Purpose fund.
- Kurt present an overview of the proposed 2021 Budget:
 - Budget includes a more conservative revenue number to reflect changes seen in 2020 and beginning of 2021 (Pledge total + \$100,000 = \$1,350,000 giving budget)
 - Additional bequests that are known to be coming in during 2021 have been budgeted and planned to help cover general fund expenses, rather than the planned endowment or major projects as is typical, based on the uncertainties of 2021.
 - 2021 budget plans for a surplus of \$19,309, with many risks and unknowns for 2021.
- Pastor Frank expressed the importance and meaningful impact of legacy gifts and bequests made to St. John's.

Motion for approval of 2021 Budget as presented in the Annual Report.

M/Suzie Taylor S/Jo Hoffmeier Motion Passed 100% approval by Zoom Poll (open for 1 minute)

7. Election of Council Members, Nominating Committee, and Scholarship Committee Members

- Election of 4 Council Members

The chair of the Nominating Committee, Karen Harris, presented each of the nominees for Council (as follows) and those present introduced themselves.

Rita Blomster, first 2-year term

Robin Keller, first 2-year term

Kurt Galvez, re-election for second 2-year term

Bob Huckfeldt, re-election for third 2-year term

Motion for approval of Election of Council Members.

M/Brian Blomster S/Vicki Ibarra Motion Passed 100% approval by Zoom Poll (open for 1 minute)

Pastor Frank recognized Councilmember Karen Ross who is finishing her 6-year term and Julie Spezia who is ending her service on Council.

- Election of 1 Nominating Committee Member
Ted Norris, first 3-year term on this committee

Motion for approval of Election of Nominating Committee Member.

M/Jerry Kilbert S/Brian Blomster Motion Passed 100% approval by Zoom Poll (open for 1 minute)

- Election of Scholarship Committee Members
Linda Eytcheson for a 3 year term
Todd Manley for a 3 year term

Motion for approval of Election of Scholarship Committee Members.

M/Jo Hoffmeier S/Karen Ross Motion Passed 100% approval by Zoom Poll (open for 1 minute)

8. Q&A

- Kim Hendricks

- A member of the Congregation asked a question about plans for reopening. Kim Hendricks and Linda Baldwin explained that there is a committee made up of Staff and lay leaders tasked with continually evaluating the legal requirements, government guidance and science to determine when and how in-person events can resume.

9. Closing prayer

- Pastor Jon Haug

Adjourned at 2:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Ford
Church Council Secretary