

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2024

The 2024 Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:45am and was presided over by The Reverend Katherine Lewis. The meeting started with prayer led by Guy Drake, Deacon Emeritus.

Approve Minutes, January 29, 2023

After a motion and second, the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Year End Reflections – Senior Warden Allison Ferro Reported

- Slide show reflecting 2023
- Thanks to:
 - Rector Katherine
 - Junior Warden Diane
 - All the Vestry
 - Outgoing Vestry member Jeff Strommen and outgoing Treasurer Cathy Schwichtenberg
 - Ministry leaders
 - Staff
 - Congregation

Elections/Appointments:

Proposed candidates for Vestry Wardens:

- Diane Curley as Senior Warden – one year term
- David Niles as Junior Warden – one-year term

Proposed candidates for Vestry:

- Julia Handley – three-year term
- Ann Robinson – three-year term

Proposed candidate for Youth Representative:

- Jay Betz – one-year term

After a motion and second the above listed Vestry was unanimously elected.

Proposed candidate for Convention:

- Cathy Schwichtenberg – three-year term
- David Niles – two-year term
- Di Marshall – one-year term

Proposed candidates for Convention Alternates:

- Julia Handley – one-year term
- Nan Drake – one-year term

After a motion and second the above listed Convention Delegates were unanimously elected.

Proposed candidate for Treasurer:

- Stephen Ferro – one-year term

After a motion and second, Stephen Ferro was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

Clerk appointment:

- Kay Turner will be appointed as Clerk at the February Vestry meeting

Returning Vestry members:

- Nan Drake – two years remaining in a three-year term
- Andy Harvala – two years remaining in a three-year term
- Kristina Stokes – one year remaining in a three-year term

- Carol Johnson – one year remaining in a three-year term

2023 Financial Review – Cathy Schwichtenberg reported:

- 2023 pledge income plan was \$360,000; the 2023 actual was \$375,201
- 2023 total income plan was \$442,254; the actual was \$467,833
- 2023 total expense plan was \$442,266; the actual was \$449,633
- 2023 financial plan had a surplus budget of \$274
- 2023 actual financial plan had a surplus of \$18,199

Cornerstone Endowment – Vida Edmond, Chair reported:

- Total balance as of 12-31-23 was \$462,991
 - 2023 gifts received was \$15,100
 - 2023 investment income was \$11,457
 - To date, no distributions have been made from the fund
- Total balance as of 12-31-22 was \$402,411
- Total balance as of 12-31-21 was \$457,869
- Total balance as of 12-31-20 was \$400,696
- Total balance as of 12-31-19 was \$353,540
- Total balance as of 12-31-18 was \$293,382
- Total balance as of 12-31-17 was \$117,243
- Looking ahead:
 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
 - Rejuvenate the Endowment
 - Strategy discussions with Vestry
 - Distribution process

2024 Financial Plan Presentation – Steve Johnson, Finance Committee Chair reported:

- 2024 pledge income plan is \$393,600
- 2024 total income plan is \$474,600
- 2024 total expense plan is \$474,542
- 2024 financial plan has an end of year surplus of \$58

After a motion and second the 2024 financial plan was approved as submitted.

Welcome and Vision Statement Proposed Changes – Allison Ferro Reported

- Every 3-5 years the Vestry undertakes a review of St. David's Mission, Welcome and Vision Statements
- The last Vision Statements were approved for 3 years in 2020
- Thanks to Cliff Crockford for suggesting a framework for the process
- The Vestry worked through the strategic planning process for the Mission, Vision and Welcome statements in 2023
- Recommending a five-year lifetime for the Vision Statements

There was a motion and second to approve the proposed change to the Welcome Statement and to approve the proposed 2024-2029 Vision Statements. Motion carried.

Rector Reflection – Rev. Katherine Lewis Reported

- Thanks to:
 - Senior Warden Allison Ferro
 - Cathy Schwichtenberg, Treasurer
 - All of the staff
 - Vestry

- Ministries
- Congregation
- Personal Reflections:
 - Things are changing all the time, including leadership
 - St. David's knows how to "show up", trusting that God is with us
 - Abounding in Hope
 - Bearer of Hope – People of Hope
 - Interconnected – we carry each other
 - All connected in this Body of Hope
 - Abounding in leadership through God's grace
 - Poised to do more amazing things
 - Excited to work with the new Vestry

Hopes for the Future – Senior Warden Diane Curley reported:

- Thanks to:
 - Katherine
 - Allison
 - Vestry
 - All of St. David's
 - Looking forward to working with Junior Warden David Niles
- 2024
 - Church is really about the people, the community that is St. David's – and what a community we are blessed to have
 - Learn to exist as a church beyond our four walls
 - Bring, share and nurture the light of Christ into the world and St. David's has this light
 - We need to stretch our wings a bit more as we endeavor/strive to live out the good news in our world
 - Matthew 14 talks about Peter leaving the boat and walking on water but starts to sink, Jesus saves him. In 2024 let's step out of the boat, we have each other, and the boat is never far away
 - Let's journey together

Awards – 12th year

- Abraham and Sarah Hospitality Award, an award for an individual who will always make room for another, went to Susan List.
- St. Matthias Award, given to an unsung parishioner, went to Randy Lindquist.

The meeting closed at 12:15pm with a prayer led by Rev. Katherine Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Turner

Additional Information

Official Parish Record for 2023:

- Baptisms – 2
- Funerals – 6
- Interments – 2
- Marriages – 2
- Confirmations – 2

- Receptions – None
- Special Liturgies – 19 (Not including nightly Compline, Morning Prayer on Saturday and Noonday Prayer in conjunction with Bible Study)

Details:

Baptisms

Amelia Carolynn Miller
Oliver Willilam Miller

Interments

Ann Leslie LaFond Edsmo
Jean Louise Hicks

Funerals

Philip Noel Cadwell
William James Fuller
Johanna Collins Duclos
Margaret Harvey Saunders
Jaye Truax
Carolyn Nancy Gunderson

Marriages

Holley Lynn Drake and Eric Ribich Strathy
Marcie Lee Lydia Hill-Jacobson and David Andrews King
(Anna Elizabeth Brock and Erik Bjorn Belz – in the official parish record at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral)

Confirmations

Chloe Verlee Johnson
Owen Paul Kuyper

Special Liturgies

We gathered for Compline every night, Saturdays for Morning Prayer and Noonday Prayer in conjunction with Bible Study.

Other special liturgies included:

- 3rd Sundays, Worship at Hope Springs (formerly Lake Minnetonka Care Center)
- January 8, Bishop’s visitation, the Rt. Rev Craig Loya, Epiphany, Jazz Eucharist
- February 26, 1 Lent included Imposition of Ashes, as a big snowstorm caused us to cancel Ash Wednesday services
- April 6, Maundy Thursday, Agape Meal with foot washing
- April 8, Easter Vigil, our first Easter Vigil after many years of not holding one
- May 7, Youth-led worship, Owen Kuyper, preacher
- August 13, Baptisms at Minnehaha Creek
- November 19, Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, with Spirit of Peace, Mills Church and Bet Shalom Congregation

St. David's Mission Statement (Approved at Annual Meeting - January 2023)

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

St. David's Welcome Statement (Approved at Annual Meeting - January 2024)

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.
Loving God. Loving One Another.

2024-2029 Vision Statements (Approved at Annual Meeting - January 2024)

St. David's lives out our Christian faith through Discipleship, Justice, Faithful Innovation and Congregational Vitality following the Episcopal Church in Minnesota's Commitments for embodying a loving community:

1. Our faith inspires and equips each of us, from young to old, to follow Jesus with hope into a loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God, one another and creation.
2. We are an innovative, healthy, and radically welcoming Christian community where all feel safe to gather, learn and connect.
3. We know and are known by one another and respond with love and compassion to the needs of others.
4. We as part of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, see diversity as a gift from our Creator and aspire to build relationships with neighbors and across differences.
5. We believe in God's abundance and are faithful stewards of our land, buildings and financial resources to support staff and ministries now, and for generations to come.
6. We strive, through our words and actions, to be a force for love and justice, collaborating with organizations that work to address needs in our community for the poor, suffering and marginalized.
7. We continually discern our unique identity and gifts, empowering both lay people and clergy to seek new opportunities and intentionally try fresh ways to live the Good News within ourselves, our congregation, our neighborhood, and our communities.