

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2022

1:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

I. Call to Order, Welcome – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. He welcomed all in attendance.

II. Opening Prayer – Renewal of Baptismal Vows – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer. He then led the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

III. Appointment of Tellers, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Clerk – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins appointed Ann Kimes and Pam Blass as Tellers, and Craig Anderson as Parliamentarian and Clerk.

IV. Review and Approval of Agenda – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins asked those in attendance for review and approval of the agenda. Judy Tammi moved, and Dolores Duncan seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

V. Report of Nominations – Ann Kimes, Senior Warden

Vestry Nominations

Through notice in St. Michael's weekly newsletter, parishioners have been provided with the opportunity to vote via internet ballot prior to the Annual Meeting for the slate of candidates for the Vestry and the candidate for Junior Warden, but the candidate for Senior Warden was omitted inadvertently. To correct this error, a separate internet ballot was prepared for the candidate for Senior Warden but was not available until late on January 29, 2022. If they had not already done so, parishioners were asked to now submit their ballots for the candidate for Senior Warden.

Ann Kimes reported that the candidates for the Vestry are John Garcia, Senior Warden, 1-year term; Lindsay Taylor, Junior Warden, 1-year term; Marisa Boynton, Vestry Member, 3-year term; Brant Deichmann, Vestry Member, 3-year term; and John Totten, Vestry Member, 3-year term.

Start the Clock

In accordance with parish bylaws, the minimum period of 30 minutes for casting of any remaining ballots began at 1:09 p.m.

VI. Senior Warden Report – Ann Kimes (Video)

Ann noted that she has been privileged to have served on the Vestry and to work with Fr. Jesse.

Ann expressed her gratitude to all who helped St. Michael's during the pandemic crisis. She recognized the new parish staff and reviewed things accomplished during the past year. Ann asked the St. Michael's family to consider where we go from here, and for everyone's prayers, thoughts, and ideas.

Ann thanked those persons who stepped forward to serve on the Vestry. She expressed thanks for the support she has received and noted that the Vestry tackled some difficult issues and made good decisions.

Following the video presentation, Fr. Perkins thanked Ann for her service.

VII. Financial Presentation, Q&A (2021 Financial Report) – John Davis, Treasurer

John Davis provided a summary review of St. Michael's financial report, which has been available to parishioners via St. Michael's weekly newsletter. He thanked Carol Hebert for her work and asked that parishioners also extend thanks to Carol.

For 2021, John made specific mention of the positive effect of investment dividends and pledge receipts on parish revenue and noted that the revenue and expenditure situation for the Little Angels Christian Preschool was better than originally anticipated. Also, both PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans received by St. Michael's were forgiven. As of 2021 year-end, an anticipated budget shortfall was eliminated and there was a revenue surplus of \$7,055.

John commented on 2022 budgeted revenue and expenditures, noting that although the budget is not balanced, the fiscal picture is not bad. He offered that the revenue shortfall potentially could be addressed should some additional pledges be received and through spending reductions. John advised that St. Michael's has been able to build cash reserves to cover more than six months of expenses in the event of an emergency or other unplanned circumstances.

In response to a question, John indicated that proceeds from the sale of the 128 W. Hillside Avenue property have been designated for capital expenditures and are not available for operating expenditures.

Fr. Perkins thanked John Davis and Carol Hebert for their work.

VIII. Ministry Reports Video

Fr. Perkins provided a brief introduction for a video presentation highlighting St. Michael's ministry activities during 2021. Fr. Perkins thanked Pam Blass for preparation of the video and thanked those persons who submitted photos for use in the presentation.

IX. Rector Report – Fr. Jesse Perkins (Video)

Through a video presentation, Fr. Perkins reviewed the past year at St. Michael's and progress during the pandemic, highlighting activities and events. Fr. Perkins commented on the focus on returning to in-person worship as much and as soon as possible.

Fr. Perkins noted the outdoor concert to raise funds for St. Michael's Outreach. He thanked Ann Ryba and the Outreach team for their work and advised that the concert raised more than \$40,000 for area charities. Other major events and activities included the Pig Roast, Trunk or Treat, the Blessing of the Animals, the Requiem Mass, Lessons and Carols, Advent learning opportunities, and the Christmas services.

Fr. Perkins noted parish staff transitions and offered thoughts on the potential for again having a second parish priest in the future. He also noted the sale of the 128 W. Hillside Avenue property.

Fr. Perkins observed that spirit and energy are still growing at St. Michael's. He is encouraged by worship service attendance and parish finances. While the long-term impacts of the pandemic are not known, he is grateful to God and St. Michael's parishioners. He suggested that we need to start looking toward what is next, begin thinking beyond the pandemic mindset, and ask "where can we see Jesus in our midst?"

Fr. Perkins expressed thanks to Rob Wisnowski and Kevin Taylor for their work to implement and improve the livestreaming option for persons not able to attend worship services in person.

Going forward, Fr. Perkins asked St. Michael's and its parishioners to consider how will we live faithfully for the next 75 years and be stewards of our legacy. He suggested a focus on stewardship, celebration, and vision as we move forward. Also, Fr. Perkins shared his intention to propose an initiative for perpetual funding for St. Michael's parish.

Fr. Perkins noted that a survey is being planned to obtain thoughts, ideas, and comments from parishioners to assist St. Michael's as it moves forward. He asked for prayerful discernment, careful watching, and prayer for God's blessing.

X. Open Floor – Q&A

Kay Lewis, Ric and Ellen Lindeen, Bob Hoyler, Art Kinney, Suzanne Fleeer, Kevin and Lindsay Taylor, and Kathryn Ward commented on and thanked Fr. Perkins for his outstanding service to St. Michael's.

Fr. Perkins expressed his thanks and appreciation to all for their comments.

XI. Report on Elections – Fr. Jesse Perkins at 2:15 p.m.

Verification of Quorum Based on at Least 50 Votes

Fr. Perkins requested that Ann Kimes and Pam Blass report the vote totals thus far. Ann advised that votes could still be cast in real time for the Diocesan Convention Delegates and the Vestry positions.

Pam provided the following information:

- 26 votes had been cast for election of the slate of candidates for Diocesan Convention Delegates¹
- 60 votes had been cast for election of the candidate for Senior Warden, with all votes being Yes
- 84 votes had been cast for election of the slate of candidates for the Junior Warden and Vestry, with 98.8% of the votes being Yes

Parishioners could continue to vote until adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Fr. Perkins noted that the election results will be provided to the Clerk for verification following the meeting.²

XII. Recognitions – John Garcia

John thanked all members of the Vestry for their service. He noted that he is grateful to be part of the St. Michael's community and that he will work to keep the ship moving in the right direction. John also thanked outgoing Vestry members Charley Wickman, Gwynne Johnston, Cam Sells, Lindsay Taylor, who will be returning as Junior Warden, and Senior Warden Ann Kimes for their work. He expressed his thanks to John Davis for his service as Treasurer.

¹ The slate of candidates for Diocesan Convention Delegates is Pat Duncan, Ellen Lindeen, and Dave Evans.

² Verification of vote totals (includes all votes cast prior to adjournment): Junior Warden and Vestry, 83 Yes and 1 No; Senior Warden, 59 Yes and 1 No; and Diocesan Convention Delegates, 37 Yes and 0 No.

Fr. Perkins thanked parish staff members Pam Blass, Carol Hebert, Deacon Tim Murray, and Kim Curtis for their service, and thanked Kay Lewis and the Youth Committee. He noted that he is grateful to serve with all.

XIII. Closing Prayer and Blessing – Fr. Jesse Perkins

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer and a blessing.

XIV. Adjourn

Juliet Duncan moved, and several parishioners seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk