

*Approved by electronic vote 29 July 2022*

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry  
27 July 2022**

Present: Pamela Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Jane Ferguson, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Alex Valdez Beer, Lynn Young

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting, held via Zoom, to order at 6:01 p.m.

The following Appreciations were noted: for Jane Ferguson for her putting together the July 3 concert, which many called "the best St. John's has ever had"; for Diane Gustafson for all she does for the church, including selling cookbooks and her work for the Centennial Dinner; for David and Linda Dennehy, who come early each Sunday to set up the coffee and refreshments.

David Dennehy moved, Lynn Young seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (minutes of the July meeting, Rector's Monthly Operations Report, Outreach Report), and the motion passed.

Bill Cheney presented the Treasurer's Report. All financial reports are filed with these minutes in the Vestry Binder in the Church Office. The Carillon was paid for with a \$5000 donation and the Faye Cory Memorial. Six months into 2022, revenues are significantly more than was budgeted. Expenses are higher than budgeted. Because of the ECS rental, St. John's is in the positive.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Centennial events were reviewed. The BBQ and Chili Contest will be held on Saturday, August 13, noon to 2 p.m. The Men of St. John's are providing the meat and beverages, and attendees will be asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The Centennial artwork, icon of St. John the Evangelist, is underway.

The Centennial Dinner will be held in Nale Hall on Saturday, September 17 and the Centennial Liturgy on Sunday, September 18. Tickets for the dinner will be sold starting August 7 and may also be purchased online.

David Dennehy reported for the Property Committee. One of the HVAC units in Nale Hall is leaking water down the side of the building; the drainage system is inadequate. Anderson Plumbing has corrected this for \$1800. Additional tree removal has cost \$3000; ECS has agreed to pay for half that cost. Nale Hall has termites. Xtermite, which uses orange oil, bid \$5000 (a scissor lift for inside would be necessary). Corky's and Lloyd are coming next week to give bids; they both tent. One air conditioner in the church and one in the kitchen are down. The cost for the unit in the kitchen would be shared by ECS, but both ECS and St.

John's would like to hold off for now. In the meantime, the units will never be lower than 74 degrees and won't be on unless someone is working in the kitchen.

The Columbarium Fund is now \$31,121. Construction is moving forward quickly. Concrete is being poured, and plants will go in next week. The goal for the fund is \$35,000, which would be matched by a generous donor. Funds for an endowment would be included in the \$70,000 total.

*La Misa* in English will be held tomorrow (July 28). Last month there were 41 attendees, twelve of whom were non-parishioners. Tom Brzeczek and a friend made the sign for outside the church. It was noted that attendance at *La Misa* should be added to the worship statistics in the Monthly Operations Report.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Finance Committee had been charged by Vestry with looking into other banking institutions. A subcommittee of Bill Cheney, Sally Elliott, Pamela Brittain representing Vestry, and Rev. Roger Haenke was formed. Neighborhood Bank was chosen, and the subcommittee noted its motto "We serve the underserved". The Executive Vice President at the headquarters on Bay Blvd. at J St. will be the contact for St. John's, and the branch manager in El Cajon will be backup.

The Finance Committee sent to Vestry the following Resolution:

#### **Resolution 2022.0727.01**

**Resolved**, St. John's will move its Checking Account, Savings Account (General) and Savings Account (Restricted) to Neighborhood National Bank. Check signers will continue to be: Robert Dunn, Marcia Morris, Pamela Brittain, and Tom Brzeczek. Additional Check Signers will be Rev. Roger Haenke and William Cheney. At the bank's recommendation, St. John's will be issued a business credit card for two individual users: Maria Love and Rev. Roger Haenke.

Diane Gustafson seconded the motion, and it passed with one abstention.

Per financial policies of the Diocese of San Diego, St. John's formed an Audit Committee consisting of Robert Dunn, Lynn Young, and Bill Gustafson. That Committee reviewed the 2021 Audit prepared by our external auditor and sent the following Resolution to Vestry:

#### **Resolution 2022.0727.02**

**Resolved**, the Audit Committee recommends that the Vestry accepts the 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

Tom Brzeczek seconded the motion, and it passed.

A number of parents have asked for a later church service because of difficulties in getting children ready for 9 a.m. In the past Vestry had agreed to revisit the pre-pandemic services at 8 and 10 a.m. when the ASA (Average Sunday Attendance, now 54 not counting live-stream attendees) increased. Rev. Roger Haenke will send a

survey to parishioners, and Vestry will consider a trial period of 1-2 months later in the year or early in 2023.

Choir Appreciation will be held after liturgy on Sunday, July 31. A donation of \$500 will cover champagne and light refreshments. Vestry members volunteered to help with various aspects of this event.

Bill Cheney has agreed to serve as St. John's representative to the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce. Rev. Roger Haenke was asked to give the invocation at the Chamber's Annual Gala on Friday, July 29.

The next Vestry meeting will be on August 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. At the September meeting Vestry will discuss meeting dates for November and December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.  
Diane Gustafson, Recorder

*Approved by:*  
*Pamela Brittain*  
*Tom Brzeczek*  
*Bill Cheney*  
*David Dennehy*  
*Jane Ferguson*  
*Diane Gustafson*  
*Alex Valdez Beer*  
*Lynn Young*

*No response from Alice Burnham*