

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

**70th Annual Meeting
January 27, 2019**



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Saint John's Episcopal Church

70th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Call to Order

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Jack Tolley

Quorum:

Approve Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting:

Receipt of Reports/Budget:

Recognitions:

Staff:

Clergy Team:

Treasurer:

Ministry Leaders:

Vestry members completing terms:

Vestry Clerk:

Continuing members of Vestry:

Announcement of Senior Warden for 2019

Elections:

Vestry

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Open Forum for Questions/Concerns:

Presentations:

David Dennehy – Junior Warden

The Rev. Dr. Laura Sheridan Campbell

Diocesan Director of Formation and Transition

Thomas Wilson - Transition Priest

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Pastor Al Stott

Saint John's Episcopal Church
69th Annual Church Meeting Minutes
Sunday January 28, 2018

The 69th Annual Meeting of Saint John's Episcopal Church was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by Father David Marshall. Father Jack Tolley offered the opening prayer.

Bob Bailey moved, David Dennehy seconded to approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as submitted, and the motion passed.

The slate of Vestry members was presented; they are Linda Longoria-Neff, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, and Shane Kennerson. Teddy McCracken moved, Christy Gollihur seconded approval of the slate, and the motion passed.

Bob Bailey moved, Dean Peters seconded approval of the following for Convention delegates: Bob Dunn, David Dennehy, Karen Duignan and (as alternate) John Chudacek. The motion passed.

Bill Cheney spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee, which includes Bill, Sally Elliott, Michael Morris, Marcia Morris, Bob Dunn, Terry Farrelly, and Fr. Marshall. The Committee meets monthly.

Terry Farrelly is a member of Christ Church in Coronado and has been serving as Treasurer of Saint John's during the past year. She presented the budget (see page 7 in the Annual Report). Bob Bailey moved, Flo Looney seconded to approve the budget, and the motion passed.

The following reports were made:

Outreach – Karen Duignan

Property - Dean Peters

Vestry Committees - Diane Gustafson

Property Management - John Chudacek

Adult Education - Linda Longoria-Neff

Mutual Ministry Review - Gwyn Kruger

Parish Administrator's Report - Rev. Tom Morelli

ECS/Head Start - Buffie Boyer

Ms.Boyer introduced several ECS employees working at Saint John's.

Father Marshall gave the Priest-in-Charge report. He ended by reporting that the opportunity drawing held during the Annual Meeting brought in \$540.

Claudia Dalrymple, outgoing Senior Warden, acknowledged those who had served in various capacities at the church. Nearly everyone in attendance stood for one or more activities.

Father Tolley gave the prayer for those who have died in the past year. Father Marshall gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry

*Saint John's Episcopal Church
Sacraments and Services –2018*

Baptisms.....9
Burials..... 4
Marriages..... 0

Holy Eucharist

Sundays average.....99

Bible Study Average Attendance

Tuesday Night Bible Study.....6
Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study.....6

Remembering Those Who Departed This Life During 2018

Raymond Bailey
Gretchen Evans
Frank Glenski
Rene Malle
Patricia Moffitt
Lucy Troncoso
Hector Vasquez

***O God whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants and grant
them an entrance into the Land of Light and Joy
in the fellowship of your saints. Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen***

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CLERGY

The Rev. Tom Wilson Transition Priest
The Rev. Jack Tolley Pastoral Assistant
The Rev. Dr. Al Stott Pastoral Assistant
The Rev. Cathey Dowdle Pastoral Assistant

VESTRY

Karen Duignan — Senior Warden
David Dennehy — People's Warden
Terry Farrelly — Treasurer
Diane Gustafson — Clerk
Mark Jordan
Linda Longoria-Neff
Jim McDevitt
Judy McKay

STAFF

Cheryl Seppala - Organist/Choir Director
Sally Elliott - Bookkeeper
Maria Love - Parish Secretary
Ryan Attaway - Sexton

Music Ministry Annual Report 2018

St. John's Choir continued to lead our congregation in musical worship throughout 2018. Although small in numbers, our choir is mighty in spirit. Their weekly volunteer commitment to the music program at St. John's is commendable.

Fr. Wilson and the CJA team are helping us keep traditional music alive at St. John's. How fortunate we are to have four such wonderful pastors to shepherd us through this time of transition. It was great fun to have Pastor Cathey and Fr. Wilson join us for rehearsals and performances of our Christmas cantata. We thank Fr. Stott for his excellent narration. We are also grateful for Bob Dunn and Dean Peter's participation in that special presentation. And we always appreciate it when Fr. Tolley joins the choir on Sunday mornings.

We continue to be blessed by the talent and weekly dedication of Jane Ferguson, our former choir director. Jane and her family are always willing to offer their vocal talents for special occasions. What a treat to have Jane, her daughter and grand-daughter present vocal solos in our cantata. And with most of our choir sick or out-of-town on Christmas Eve, Jane and her son, Michael stepped up to lead.

We also thank the choirs of St. Andrew's La Mesa and MCAS Miramar, Organ Stop friends, the Rev. Michael Kaehr and his friends from the La Jolla Symphony Chorale for making the cantata a successful Christmas worship experience.

2018 brought a drastic reduction in the size of our choir as many of our members are no longer attending St. John's. The men's section has been the most seriously impacted. Since several of our sopranos have plans to move out of state in 2019, we are facing an urgent need for new members in all sections. Perhaps YOU would consider joining us for the upcoming Lent and Easter season. Our rehearsals are guaranteed to be painless. No prior choral experience or musical training is required—just follow the person next to you! We rehearse at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, many Sundays briefly after church and on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:45. Come join the fun!

Last year I offered anyone who wished to join me on the organ bench an opportunity to see what the King of Instruments is all about, up close and personal. That offer did not meet with great success. But it was truly inspirational to hear Marge Moore perform her first organ solo in August after studying organ for several years. What a good example she is setting for you to follow. It's never too late to begin the hobby of music!

As I complete my 45th year as the organist at St John's, I am ever mindful of my blessings in having such a beautiful place to worship with wonderful instruments and acoustics and a loving supportive congregation.

I know the choir joins me in hoping that our music provides moments of beauty, comfort, peace and joy in each worship service.

Come help us make a joyful noise!

Cheryl Seppala

Organist/Choir Director

Finance Committee Annual Report 2018

Saint John's Episcopal Church of Chula Vista

Annual Report of the Finance Committee for 2018

The Saint John's Finance Committee consists of: Terry Farrelly (Treasurer), Sally Elliott (Bookkeeper), Bill Cheney, Bob Dunn, Marcia Morris, Michael Morris, Karen Duignan (Sr. Warden), and Father Tom Wilson. The Finance Committee has a mandate to focus on financial planning and reporting, as well as monitoring compliance. Every month we meet to review Profit & Loss Statements and Balance Sheet reports. The Committee works hard to provide accurate and timely advice to the Vestry. We assist in the development and creation of an annual budget, and work to ensure that we stay within our financial boundaries.

The Finance Committee's role is to provide financial oversight for the Parish, and to provide effective guidance to the Vestry as they make decisions which affect the financial health of the Church. This is usually accomplished during periods of challenging transition, and this past year was no exception. We experienced the opening of the a day care facility, leased by Episcopal Community Services, where the Church School was previously located. This lease has supported church operations and has allowed Saint John's to create a long term repayment plan of its loan to the Diocese. We are also investigating long term investments to benefit our Ministries, as well as acting as an emergency fund.

At our monthly meetings, we review financial report variances so that we can verify we are staying within our budget, and addressing if revenue shortfalls are being met with corresponding expense reductions, or other actions. We actively work to be good stewards of the Parish finances and to give good and practical advice to the Vestry. We also review the controls over the Parish assets and that all policies are followed with regard to money handling, insurance protection, and proper supervision of bank statements.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Cheney

Women of Saint John's Annual Report 2018

Officers for 2018 were President – Diane Gustafson, Recording Secretary – Flo Looney, Corresponding Secretary – Judy Butcher, and Treasurer – Alex Valdez (now Alex Valdez Beer).

During 2018 groups including the Women of St. John's were not permitted to fund raise for themselves; all money raised had to be given to the church. The Women decided to become project-oriented and supportive of the church in ways other than financially.

Among the events for which the Women coordinated or provided food/refreshments were a Pre-Lenten/Super Bowl Bake Sale on February 3; the reception after "Before the Fire", a panel discussion on May 6; the Bishop's visit on July 1; and desserts for the Italian Night Dinner on June 2 and the Steak Dinner on October 13.

The Quilt Ministry, underwritten by the Women of St. John's, continues to be a well-known service of the parish. Approximately seventy quilts were provided to parishioners or to those for whom parishioners requested quilts.

The Women provide flowers on the altar for anniversaries of the ordination of our priests, ingredients for the three occasions on which the parish serves dinners to the homeless at the South Bay Community Services venue, and ingredients for two dinners during the two-week period that Chula Vista Presbyterian Church hosts the homeless.

All women of St. John's are welcome to attend our meetings, usually the first Monday of the month at 4 p.m. and lasting no more than an hour. See the calendar in the bulletins or e-newsletters for details.

Annual Outreach Report 2018

St. John's saw many changes last year, but the heart of our church remains strong. We continued to help those less fortunate than ourselves; fed the homeless, remembered the sick in distant countries, comforted those at sea and gave generously to many worthy causes. Here is an outline of the contributions that St. John's congregation made during 2018.

THURSDAY MEAL: March, May and November 2018. We provided a meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk and juice for 30-50 homeless people registered with South Bay Community Services (SBSC) at a warehouse on F. St in Chula Vista. Bread, peanut butter and jelly were distributed at the end of the meal to supplement their food supply..

Judy McKay was the Leader/ Organizer, Rev Al Stott and Anne Grignon were the Spaghetti sauce chefs, Diane Gustafson delivered the food trays, Mike Golihur collected the bread. The peanut butter and jelly were donated by the parishioners. Brownies were lovingly baked by a few anonymous members of the congregation and given out as dessert. They are always a big hit. A strong team of volunteers showed up each time to help Judy serve this well received meal.

This Outreach is generously funded by the Women of St. John's.

SBCS EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Parishioners faithfully brought suggested food items, or any other food staple, to the designated area in Nale Hall. Anne Lambrecht delivered all contributions to the offices of the SBCS on a monthly basis. Food was distributed to families in the South Bay to help them make ends meet when their food supplies ran out. This is one of the longest running ministries at St. John's.

PILL BOTTLE MINISTRY

Linda and David Dennehy collected the brown prescription bottles brought in by members of our congregation. Linda patiently removed the labels (using her secret formula), packaged them up and mailed them, at their expense, to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati. They are distributed to third world countries where the bottles offset the cost of medications.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES (ECS)

Three members of the parish attended the ECS Annual meeting in June 2018. The activity sponsored by that meeting was the Shower of Blessings. This popular service takes portable showers to the homeless in various locations around the County. St. John's contribution to this campaign was 62 towels, 156 washcloths, 32 bags of toiletries and 8 pairs of socks. Also, under the auspices of ECS we have supported Friend to Friend, an organization that serves homeless people with mental issues. During the Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Event 2018, we not only collected cash for shoes, socks and hygiene products, we provided lunch at the Friend to Friend Headquarters on Imperial Ave. We were joined by St. Philips in Lemon Grove, and together served lunch to 75 homeless guests who had registered for new shoes and socks. Our costs for this event were generously underwritten by the Men of St. John's. In September of 2018 we again visited Friend to Friend for one of their monthly Celebration Lunches. This time, Joanna Ward, Georgene Nightingale, Mary Goddard, Iris Atkins and Norma Dunn provided lunch for 30. ECS provides a full program of support through the Friend to Friend Program including counselling, house and job referrals, medication supervision, and art therapy.

MI ESCUILITA PRESCHOOL.

This special school in Chula Vista specializes in the education of 3-5 year old children traumatized by violence. It is the only school of its kind in Southern California and has been very successful in ensuring these youngsters have a successful transition to kindergarten. Flo Looney delivered your greeting cards, stickers, and craft supplies that the children use in their art projects.

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK

Acting as a support church for the Presbyterian Church on Hilltop, who hosts 12 homeless guests for 2 weeks, and provides them with shelter and 3 meals a day, Claudia Dalrymple and Norma Dunn provid-

ed meals for 2 nights during the rotation. The Women of St. John's reimbursed the cooks for the cost of the food, on the submission of their receipts to the Treasurer.

EYE GLASS RECYCLING

If you buy new glasses, bring your old pair to St. Johns. Rebecca Canton delivered those turned in during 2018 to LensCrafter, where they were reground and used for those who couldn't afford to buy brand new glasses.

BLESSINGS IN A BAG

This past Thanksgiving we shared our blessing by collecting 51 bags of food in recyclable bags and \$425 in gift cards for SBCS needy families.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

St John's contribution to the annual campaign at the November convention was outstanding. We donated 750 diapers, 40 pairs of socks, 2 dozen sets of underwear and various food stuffs

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Bob Dunn delivered your eclectic selection of magazines, numerous paperback books and calendars to the Seafarers Mission in National City. They were distributed to those whose sea journeys can last for many months.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Mike Golihur's efforts resulted in 2 overflowing boxes in 2018.

NEW BLANKETS MINISTRY

Denise Czer's efforts on behalf of Domestic Violence Shelters in San Diego, especially children caught up in these situations were benefitted by a huge influx of blankets from St. John's in December 2018. I don't know how many were donated, but it took Denise many trips to her car to load them all. She makes sure that every child gets a new blanket to comfort them when they face difficult situations.

Faithfully Submitted

Norma Dunn

Calling All Seniors Annual Report for 2018

In response to data showing that the fastest growing demographic group in the South Bay are seniors, the Vestry approved a pilot project named Calling All Seniors. Sessions were on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and began on July 3. Attendance fluctuated between seven and thirteen except for some weeks when there was an outside speaker. At the end of three months, it was decided to continue throughout 2018.

The program was funded through a parishioner donation, which paid for snacks and for the December tea and sing-along.

Initially we offered a choice of a walk in Hilltop Park or chair yoga led by Joanna Ward. Between the heat and the popularity of Joanna's classes, the optional walk was soon dropped.

Each session started with thirty minutes of yoga followed by the week's activity and finally a brief noonday service using the Book of Common Prayer. Among the activities were a variety of games, Bunco instruction plus play, Cribbage instruction plus play, and Reminiscing using prompt cards. Special programs included two programs presented by Thrivent: Identity Theft and End-of-Life Planning. There also were overviews of the Order of St. Luke, Altar Guild, clergy vestments, Vestry and Wardens, and an author talk. The final offering was a Christmas tea catered by Janet Goff and a sing-along led by Pat Parsons. There were 34 in attendance on that day.

Calling All Seniors is now on a break, and a meeting will be held in January to determine interest in continuing. Flo Looney and Diane Gustafson have been leading the group but need to have additional participation from others for such things as putting out the snacks and helping to plan programs.

Men of Saint John's Episcopal Church Report and Forecast 2019

2018 was, as usual, dedicated to service throughout the year in a variety of ways. Leadership was provided by George Dalrymple and Phil Bajo for most of the year and we began with the Shrove Pancake dinner on February 13th. One of the enjoyable ways to get together as a congregation and the turnout was substantial. We began planning for the Italian Dinner at Rev Al's house on March 19th while enjoying comrades gathered around to consume corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

At the MOSJ meeting in May we action planned the Italian Dinner for June 2 with many of the men volunteering for the many elements of the dinner. On June 2 the Italian Dinner was held as planned with the essential assistance of the Women of Saint John providing desserts and a wonderful raffle and the food was good too. No one left hungry.

The next three months we held our regular meetings and provided support to other ministries as needed and began to plan the Steak House Dinner scheduled for October 13th. Once again, we had strong support from the WOSJ in providing desserts and a wonderful raffle. Close to 100 diners showed up for Steak and Raffle and we were fortunate to net nearly 3500 dollars with the men paying for all the costs of the food thereby securing the highest amount of profit for the church general fund. Many people helped to make this happen and I really appreciated those that stepped up at the end to make this event a success.

In November, our president George resigned, and we held elections. We greatly appreciate the leadership provided by George Dalrymple and Phil Bajo these many years. Mark Jordan and I were elected to lead and we will be doing our best to keep the men's club strong and growing into the future.

Many of the MOSJ also serve in other capacities throughout the church: Bill Cheney, Mark Jordan, David Dennehy, Mike Gollihur and I serve in a committee lead by David to monitor and repair the buildings of St. John. Mark and David serve with the vestry. Bill supervises Greeters and Ushers. Bob Dunn is on the finance committee and the list is quite lengthy and essential for the future of St. John' Church and Congregation. Reverend Al and Reverend Jack are always present and making major contributions to the MOSJ and we are so lucky to have these two outstanding men helping and supporting us in every way and..... we love them.

Blessings to all.....Tim Attaway

P.S. Please consider this an invitation to join in the fun and attend dinner meetings in 2019

South Bay Order of St. Luke 2018 Annual Report

The Order of St. Luke is an international, interdenominational order of lay people and clergy, dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. Our South Bay OSL Chapter is located at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bonita, CA. We help support the healing ministry by attending and participating in the healing services held at our different churches, including Saint John's. We have an average of 10 people at these services, which are open to all. The healing service at St. John's is on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30am in the church. We also pray every Sunday for people that come to us after communion.

Our chapter meets twice a month as a group. These meetings are open to all and the times are: the second Friday of the month at Good Shepherd at 10am, and the fourth Saturday of the month at Teddy McCracken's house at 10am (85 E. Emerson Street, Chula Vista 91911). At these meetings we study the bible and books on healing. In July 2018, we helped with a healing conference at Good Shepherd.

We welcome all who are interested in joining, or knowing more about OSL or the healing ministry. If you are in need of healing prayers, please contact one of our OSL members at St. John's: Ann Lindshield, Minnie Hernandez or Juli Sobecki.

The Order of the Daughters of the King St. Margaret's Chapter Annual Report 2018

Daughters of the King

Daughters are committed to Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. As members we carry out this responsibility by praying for the special needs of our church community, with prayer request cards always available for all. As individuals we serve our Saint John's community and the wider church in numerous, varied ways. At baptisms we offer a prayer shawl to the newly baptized and continue to pray for them through several years.

We meet every month on the 3rd Thursday and we continue to grow as we welcomed three new members in 2018: Sally Elliott, Joanna Ward and Lynn Young. All members complete a 12-week study to understand who Daughters are and what we do, after which new members dedicate themselves to undertaking God's call to the Rules of Life and Prayer the Order observes. You will recognize us by the unique silver cross we wear as an outward and visible sign of our vows. If you have an interest learning more about the Daughter's please contact Rev. Cathey Dowdle at (619) 807-8951 or at revcat@gmail.com. We plan to begin a new training series in early February 2019.

For His Sake,
Rev. Cathey Dowdle

Flower Guild Annual Report 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has donated to Saint John's flowers in 2018, be it through the weekly flower request chart, Holy holidays (Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias) or just donations. You have made our sanctuary look truly amazing with these fresh flowers. The Flower Guild could not continue if it were not for your generosity.

Saint John's is blessed with very talented people and would like to tap into their skills. If anybody is interested in making flower arrangements, we would love for you to join our small but mighty group. As a parishioner once told me, "The flowers always look good on Sunday, even though you might not think so." It does not involve a lot of time, maybe 1 1/2 -2 hours max to make the arrangements. If enough people volunteer, you would only have to do flowers 8 or 10 times for the year. Remember, it is for the glory of God.

If you are interested or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to talk with Judy Butcher, Flo Looney, Lynn Young or myself.

Respectfully submitted,
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