

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting

January 31, 2021

Clergy Present – The Rev. Kelly Kirby, Rector
The Rev. Benjamin Hart, Director of Congregational Life

Congregational Presence – Rev. Kirby called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. Our bylaws state that 30% of the average Sunday attendance reported on the most recent annual parochial report shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Having a quorum, the meeting began with prayer.

There was a motion made by Gaylee Gillim and seconded by Gibbs Reese to forgo reading of the minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

By way of a ZOOM format, ninety-seven (97) members of the parish were in attendance, connected electronically and in accordance with our Church by-laws, a quorum was deemed to be in attendance. Should a member wish to speak, they were requested to raise their hand or send a “chat” and would then be recognized at the appropriate time and in the estimated sequence of request.

Nominating Committee Report – Rev. Kirby introduced Kevin Wardell to present the nominees for new vestry positions for the next three (3) years, those being Sara Ceresa, Bill Shory, Rhody Streeter, Speed Stodghill and Peggy Wooley. Serving as the youth representative will be Hannah Savells. As there were no other candidates brought forward, these candidates were elected by 120 previously submitted electronic votes, as well as the unanimous votes of all present at the meeting by either voice vote or chat response.

Treasurer's Report – Edie Nixon summarized reports on the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Highlights include that two (2) Living Stewards of St. Matthew's have stepped forward toward year end and made significant contributions with one covering the remaining outstanding balance of the construction loan for our latest expansion and renovation and the other to cover a significant quantity of our general operation cost. These parishioners wish to remain un-named.

Senior Wardens' Report – Phil Eschels stated the genuine appreciation to everyone for all the time, talent and work provided to our church during this very difficult calendar year as the result and restrictions imposed associated with the CORONA virus.

Visioning Report – Sara Bailey, congregation member and President of Ministry Architects, reviewed the teams work over the past year and outlined the three (3) new goals for the next three (3) years with brief outlines of each. Through cheers and

waiving of hands, those in attendance heartily endorsed the goals and support moving them forward.

Acknowledgements –

- Rev. Kirby thanked the vestry persons who have completed their three (3) year term, those individuals being Madison Bailey, Susanne Cramer, Amanda Harrity, Matrid Ndife, George Wheeler and Kevin Wardell.
- The Unsung Hero Award is presented this year to Mike Risley, Mike Schmitt, John Shelby and Russ Weis in particular for their service at the first food pantry during the pandemic in March of 2020, and in general for their many ministry contributions to St. Matthew's.

With all items on the agenda discussed and there being no further business, on a motion made by Sara Ceresa with second by Troy Petrie, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gibbs Reese', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gibbs Reese, Secretary