

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Annual Meeting
January 24, 2021**

The meeting convened in prayer by Fr. Alan Leonard, Rector, at 9:02 am via Zoom. (Note: This meeting has been recorded).

Attendance: Samuel Wilson, Fr. Alan Leonard, Barbara D. Smith, Lee Shupert, Michael Kirk, Fr. Daniel Hall, Frank Garcia, Kitty Garcia, Deborah Lukens, Martha Torpey, Michael Torpey, Gail Markley, John Lukens, Meredith Markley, Angela Gloria Barbara Hall, Karaan Murphy, David Hammond, Fred Obligado, Jo Armstrong, Dr. Brenda Leonard, Dr. Calvin Stafford, Martha Stafford, Alison Cioffi-Brown, Joel Rutenberg, Corbin Cogswell, Gini Tate, Jane Carol Wilson, Lew Price, Jo Ann Price, Diane Dilworth, Lorraine Brooks

Certification of Quorum: Fr. Alan Leonard confirmed quorum.

Review of Procedures: Fr. Alan conducted a brief review of Zoom procedures. Attendees practiced “Raising Hands,” in order to vote.

Special Order of Business: Fr. Alan introduced the required “Supplemental Special Rules of Order for Virtual Attendance at Parish Annual Meeting.” This procedural document was adopted by majority.

Report of Nominating Committee: Fr. Alan presented the Ballot. Voting took place by category, with no additional nominations. Candidate(s) in each category were approved by majority.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws under terms of Wardens and Vestry:

Proposal reads as follows: “A vestry member may attend any vestry meeting per electronic means, and, may exercise the right to vote per said means, pending active participation during said meeting.”

Motion by Angela Gloria, seconded by Joel Rutenberg *Approved.*

Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting: Motion by Corbin Cogswell, seconded by Jo Ann Price *Approved.*

Committee Reports: No questions for discussion. Accepted by majority.

Treasurer's Reports: Review of 2020 Budget Reports Motion by David Hammond, seconded by Corbin Cogswell *Approved pending audit*

Proposed 2021 Budget: Two notable items: (1) new line for "Memorials," and, (2) designated "Full Ask" to satisfy Diocesan Pledge request.
Motion by Joel Rutenberg, seconded by Corbin Cogswell *Approved.*

Fred Obligado, Finance Committee Chairperson, expressed appreciation for the volunteer services and expertise of Treasurer John Lukens.

Old Business: None

New Business: Fr. Alan stressed the challenges of 2020. He expressed appreciation for the volunteer services of Robert Bullington in development and maintenance of live-streaming capabilities. Fr. Alan also recognized Glenda Unzelmann with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer service and personal generosity in providing and arranging altar flowers since the retirement of the local florist commissioned by the parish. He also presented Glenda with a necklace, a cross pendant, as a "Thank You."

Samuel Wilson commended the Education Committee for innovation and creativity in its design and delivery of "Children's Sunday School in a Box."

Joel Rutenberg extended a "Thank You" to the Church of the Advent Family for extending its "Open Arms in Welcome" to him, a newly baptized congregant.

Motion to adjourn by Corbin Cogswell, seconded by Frank Garcia at 9:46 am

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara D. Smith
Vestry Clerk