

2023 Annual Meeting - St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 19, 2023, held in person in the Fellowship Hall

Meeting began at 11:00am with Holy Eucharist Rite II
Approximately 26 were present for the business portion of the meeting

12:54pm Opening Prayer

- Rev. Dani opened the business portion of the meeting with a prayer
- She then invited everyone to sit a little closer for better hearing.
- Dani gave an overview of the information contained in the packet.

12:57pm Approval of Agenda

- Rev. Dani invited
- Patricia Castelli motioned to approve the agenda
- Robert Jaramillo seconded the motion
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed

1:00pm Welcome

- Rev. Dani welcomed those in attendance, and thanked them for the abundance of food that was prepared and shared with the parish.
- A quorum was established, with at least 4 members of the Bishop's Committee and 12 members of the parish present at the meeting.

1:02pm Appointment of the Clerk

- Rev. Dani appointed that Arianne Gage will serve as the Clerk of the Annual Meeting
- No vote is required for this meeting.

1:04pm Appointment of Tellers

- Rev. Dani appointed Taran Bhagat as Parliamentarian
- Marilyn Oliver and Pat Collins volunteered to be tellers, to tally the ballots for election.

1:06pm Approval of Minutes

- Discussion: Robert Jaramillo noted that upon review, the Minutes seemed accurate. Steven Nordsrom agreed, as he had reviewed them earlier last week.
- Stan King motioned to approve last years Minutes from the Annual Meeting
- Sue Hidley seconded this motion.
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed.

1:10pm Adoption of Changes to the By-Laws

- Rev. Dani invited Taran to give an overview of the changes made to the By-Laws.
- These changes and revisions were discussed one by one, with the following discussion taking place:
 - Steven N mentioned that the Mission wording was developed by the Bishop's Committee of 2018/2019. This text has been reworded to match with our parish's published profile.
 - Taran explained the definitions found in Article 2: Section 3 and that the rewording of these definitions has been made to match the Canons of The Episcopal Church.
 - Discussion was had about what constitutes a valid baptism in the Episcopal Church. A person must be baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - In regards to the changes made in the outline of the Bishop's Committee, Steven N expressed gladness that the prescribed changes are being put in place. The number of BC Members changing from seven to six can still be helpful when it comes to breaking a tie, especially when more discussion is needed on a subject, before a decision is made.
 - Who is clergy? The Priest and/or the Deacon count as clergy. They are considered to have a seat and voice in the BC meetings, but they do not have a vote.
 - It was further clarified that the BC are the fiduciary stewards of the parish, and that the clergy do not have access/hands-on the finances of the parish.
 - Robert Jaramillo offered clarification on how the BC will be moving forward with keeping themselves accountable, as far as comments from guests, etc.
 - Shaunna Gage gave clarification about what constitutes an executive session, how they are meant to be recorded, and why there is sometimes a need for discretion during this portion of a BC meeting. This is especially important when privacy or discretion is needed.
 - Steven N issued a concern about the wording of Article 6: Section 6 being too broad for the circumstance. He stated that the work of the BC should be accessible to all, and that executive sessions should possibly be scheduled for another time, when the general BC meeting is not taking place.
 - Shaunna G offered some context to how they have handled executive sessions in the past, that this part of the meeting has been held to the end, when the guests/observers are excused and invited to leave the room. This is especially helpful when there is an issue that is time-sensitive or of great importance.
 - Marilyn emphasized the importance of these executive sessions taking place at the end of a typical BC Meeting, because of the difficulty of arranging other meeting times.

- Steven N motioned for a secondary amendment to Article 6: Section 6: “Part of any regular BC Meeting, or a special session of the BC Meeting, may be closed as an executive session.
- An addition will be made to Article 6: Section 7: “Special meetings may be closed executive meetings.”
- Pat Collins seconded Steven’s motion.
- Rev. Dani read out the proposed changes upon Robert Redd’s request.
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed.
- All other Articles have been accepted as proposed.
- Taran B motioned that we accept the By-Laws as proposed, with the secondary amendments included.
- Robert Redd seconded this motion.
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed.

1:45pm Election to the Bishop’s Committee

- Rev. Dani and Taran clarified how many seats we have available.
- There are currently three seats available: 2 terms at 3 years each and 1 term at 1 year.
- Rev. Dani invited those who have been nominated to give a short introduction of themselves to the congregation.
- Gidge Sundquist expressed a great love for St. Mary’s, and an eagerness to serve.
- Susan Hidley expressed that she is excited to be considered, and looking forward to any ways she can serve the community.
- Shaunna G expressed that over the course of her membership, she has been honored to be a part of the BC.
- Mary Allen expressed that she has been a member here at St. Mary’s Church for quite a few years, and is very glad to be able to serve here.
- Rev. Dani took a moment to recognize the current members of the Bishop’s Committee, and to thank them for their diligence in serving our community.
- Emily Crofts asked for clarification about what the BC Members are responsible for, and Rev. Dani explained their duties, with a few other congregants adding in their perspectives.
- Rev. Dani invited those present to mark their votes for BC Members.
- A separate vote will be taken for Delegates for Diocesan Council.

Results of the Vote: New BC Members:

Mary Allen	22 votes
Gidge Sundquist	18 votes
Susan Hidley	17 votes
(Shaunna Gage received 5 votes)	

- Robert Redd motioned to accept this election
- Trez Condon-Yost seconded this motion
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed

2:15pm Election of Delegates for Diocesan Council

- Utah's diocesan convention will be April 21st and 22nd.
- The two nominees we have previously received are Shaunna Gage and Gidge Sundquist
- Patricia Castelli volunteered to act as an alternate.
- Robert Jaramillo volunteered to act as an alternate.
- Teddi Reeves motioned to accept the slated delegates as proposed.
- Seconded this motion
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed.

2:20pm Poll Regarding Worship Times and Food & Care Coalition Ministry

- Rev. Dani brought up the possibility of restarting St. Mary's ministry at Food & Care Coalition.
- The possibility of this ministry may be helped by moving the start of worship service at 10:30am instead of 11:00am.
- Pat Collins explained some of the time constraints that are required, or at least what used to be, and how it can be difficult to dedicate the second Sunday of the month to this ministry. Marilyn O agreed with these statements.
- Discussion was had about how the Choir and Sunday Morning Book Group would be impacted, that an extra half hour earlier could make it difficult for attendance and participation.
- Rev. Dani expressed her desire to understand how a change in worship time would impact the ministries that are already established.
- Deacon Alison Desiderio Peterson brought an issue forward, that those parishioners who count on outside assistance for transportation or those who are traveling from a great distance, that extra half hour can make a big difference.

2:33pm Message from the Priest in Charge:

- Rev. Dani, while only joining us recently, does not have a report, but shared a message instead. She recognized Shaunna Gage for her dedication to the role of Senior Warden, for getting St. Mary's through the recent struggles of the past year, especially having been without a priest for so long. She gave Shaunna few gifts, to thank her for her service and dedication: an icon for her home, a rosary box, and an oil blessed by Rev. Dani to be used when visiting folks in a Eucharistic Visitor capacity.
- She recognized Taran as her new Senior Warden, and thanked him for being willing to take on the often-thankless task.
- Senior Warden's Report included.
- Junior Warden's Report included.

2:39pm Treasurer's Report:

- Taran B gave us a few highlights of the financials, and opened the floor for any questions.
- Trez CY asked about the Pledge drive for 2023. Arianne G will work to get pledge cards sent out in the following week.

2:43pm Budget:

- Robert Jaramillo motioned that we accept the budget and Treasurer's Report as prescribed.
- Susan Hidley seconded the motion.
- Vote: unanimous. None opposed.

2:45pm Ministry Reports:

- Discussion included in previous section: "Message from the Priest in Charge"

2:50pm Closing Prayer:

- Rev. Dani gave the closing prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:51pm