

MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
St. Mary Anglican Church, Nanoose Bay
February 21, 2021 at 11:30 am via ZOOM

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:39 am.

Welcome and Opening Prayer from Chairperson, The Ven. Rev. Alan Naylor,
Interim Incumbent

Elaine Cowan, Rector's Warden, read a message from Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff,
Incumbent:

Dear Friends,

*"Just a quick word as you begin your meeting, to let you know that I am with
you in spirit today as you meet in community. It's been an incredible year
and the response of this parish has been amazing – you have responded
with love and determination to all the challenges we've encountered.*

*Through prayer, service, giving, each one of you has helped determine that
our beloved St. Mary's continue to thrive.*

*I feel so blessed to be a part of this community. I thank you for your prayers
and messages of love and support. I am resting and taking care of myself.
It's a full-time job!*

*I want to thank Rev. Alan Naylor for stepping in. His sermons on Sunday are
feeding me and I am grateful for his guiding spirit."*

*God bless you all,
Selinde*

2. Quorum confirmed: 45 persons registered and 11 proxies registered
3. **AMENDMENTS to the Agenda:**
 - a) **To add a MOTION to approve the AVM agenda as presented.**
MOVED by Jean Russell, 2nd Virginia Jolley. Carried
 - b) **To change the election of the Financial Reviewer to review 2021 Financial
Statements as well as the 2020 Financial Statements. Approved by general
consent.**
4. Appointment of Recording Secretary – KAT Kril
5. Appointment of Returning Officer – Bill Gibson

6. **MOTION of Support for the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee.**
MOVED by Jean Russell, 2nd Sherilene Quezada. **Carried**

7. **MOTION to approve the Annual Vestry Minutes of February 9, 2020.**
MOVED by Don Nicoll, 2nd John Sandiford. **Carried**

8. **Annual Vestry Reports (page 1-30)**

Alan stated he was very impressed with the reports which are evidence of a very busy parish even during a pandemic showing that we are keeping the "life of the parish in God's grace".

No questions were received. Alan asked if there were any further discussions.
No comments.

MOTION to accept the 2020 Annual Vestry Reports as presented.

MOVED by Mary Holte, 2nd Rita Gibson.

Carried

9. **2020 Financial Reports (page 31-43)**

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton remarked:

"Given the Pandemic, 2020 was a very challenging year. However, through the generosity of our Congregation, we were able to come through in a very good position and we have a very healthy balance sheet and bank balance. 2021 will prove even more difficult and I am confident that the Church Family will see us through."

Alan commented on his various interim appointments during COVID. He stated we are doing well compared to some other parishes and we should be very proud, and to keep it up in 2021!

MOTION to approve the 2020 Financial Reports.

MOVED by Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, 2nd Malcolm Kean.

Carried

2021 Budget

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton stated:

"A consensus was reached by the Finance Committee that because 2020 was so different, we would use for Revenue purposes 9 months of the 2020 proposed budget amount and 3 months of the actual revenue amounts. For expenses, 6 months of proposed budget amounts and 6 months of actual amounts. The budget is coming in at a \$7,550.00 deficit but I am confident that the Congregation will help in retiring the deficit by the end of the year."

No questions were received.

Steve Slater stated the snow removal he just completed, he did for free as his contribution. Thank you Steve!

MOTION to approve 2021 Budget.

MOVED by Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, 2nd Sherry Arsenault.

Carried

10. Election of Parish Officers

Nominating Committee – Clair Davies, Shirley Bays and Elaine Cowan

- Slate of candidates for re-election of Parish Council:
Shirley Bays, Darrell Bell, Elaine Cowan, Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Valerie Davies, Margaret Denney, Shirley Hardy, Mary Holte, Donald Nicoll
- New nominations: Malcolm Kean and John Sandiford
- People's Warden: Valerie Davies
- Lay delegates to Synod: Elaine Cowan and Valerie Davies
- Alternate Delegates: Margaret Denney and Donald Nicoll
- Youth Delegate: Camyl Versfelt

There were no nominations from the floor after the question was asked 3 times.

MOTION that the slate presented by the Nominating Committee be approved for Election of Parish Council, People's Warden, and Synod delegates.

MOVED by Clair Davies, 2nd Anne Marie Hughes.

Carried

Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2020 and 2021

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton answered a question received by the Rector's Warden as to the qualifications of Rev. Cindy Corrigan to review the financials.

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton Response:

"Rev. Corrigan was Treasurer of her Church in Fernie for 21 years, has strong bookkeeping skills and knowledge of the financial structure of the Church. She was instrumental in setting up St. Mary's financials in Quick Books along with Diane Geiger of Books by Geiger in 2019. We are confident she is more than capable of making the review and thankful that she has agreed to perform this duty."

Rev. Alan had checked the Canons for guidance on when Financials should be reviewed. When Cindy contacted the Synod Office for information about the review of 2020 Financial Statements, she was told that for this year because of the pandemic, the Synod has approved that the review of the 2020 Financial Statements can be completed after the AVM. The 2021 Financial Statements need to be reviewed prior to the AVM held in 2022.

MOTION to appoint Rev. Cindy Corrigan from St. Philip Anglican Church, Cedar, as Financial Reviewer for 2020 and 2021.

MOVED by Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, 2nd Marg Denney.

Carried

11. Announcements and Acknowledgements – Elaine Cowan
“Thank you to Alan for chairing St. Mary’s Annual Vestry Meeting; to Jennifer for all of her hard work on the church financials; and to KAT as our ZOOM host.

Thank you also to Clair, Bill and especially to Val who worked tirelessly coaching any one who needed help with ZOOM so they could join us today.

Thank you to all who joined us on our successful ZOOM AVM.

Welcome to Malcolm Kean and John Sandiford who are our new Parish Council members.

I hope to see all of you back attending in-person services at St Mary’s in the near future.”
12. **Prayer ended the Annual Vestry Meeting at 12:11 pm.**

Minutes approved by:

_____ **Date:** _____
Rev. Alan Naylor, Interim Incumbent