

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Christ Church Anglican  
January 25, 2021  
7:00pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting

At 7:04, upon a quorum of 68 Christ Church members, over a virtual meeting, Tim James motioned for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be called to order. Wendy Buzzard seconded and all were in favor.

Patrick and Dean spent some time reflecting on the challenges of the past year as the world experienced a global pandemic, the following economic impacts, natural disasters, and violent events in our nation. They thanked the Parish for their faith, generosity, flexibility, and prayers for the church. The church is hopeful to resume in-person services on Ash Wednesday. Dean spent some time specifically reflecting on Christ Church Mission, a young church plant, persevering through this year together. Patrick ended this portion of the meeting in prayer before moving into business matters.

Patrick offered the following appointments for the record:

- Secretary and Clerk, Stephanie Wagner
- Parliamentarian, Ed Bullard
- Dispatch of Business, Trish Nelson

Ed Bullard presented the bylaws of Christ Church, adopted by the Parish Council on December 19, 2005, as Amended February 18, 2008, and as Further Amended January 23, 2011, and as Further Amended on January 29, 2012, as further Amended January 24, 2016. Ed also presented the Articles of Incorporation for the State of Kansas on April 14, 2005.

Stephanie Wagner presented the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes as approved by the Parish Council, to be received on behalf of the Parish by Patrick Wildman, Senior Pastor.

Wendy Buzzard gave the Nominating Committee Report. The Parish Council Nominating Committee was comprised of Wendy Buzzard (chairman), Emily Duensing from the Parish Council; Mary Lou Fritts, Andrew Lewis, and Justin Miller were the lay members.

In November 2020, in response to pandemic guidelines, the Parish Council adopted a single use resolution to allow for mail-in balloting for our Parish Council and Endowment Trust Board elections at this Annual Meeting and to allow our Annual Meeting to be conducted online.

We received 338 valid mail-in ballots. More ballots were received but considered invalid for reasons such as a voting for too many candidates or arriving past the deadline. This is an increase of 35 valid ballots compared to last year. Patrick announced the newly elected Parish Council members: Dave Bergren, Mike Crabb, Jerry Sabin, Jan Schwert, and Stephanie Faulkner.

Patrick introduced Mark Murphy, Treasurer, to present the financial report. Mark was glad to report that by looking at our finances in 2020, you would not have known it was the year of a

global pandemic. We came in on budget with our pledges, and way under budget on our expenses and finished \$100k in the black. Our assets and debts are in good shape. The only liability is a line of credit construction loan we are using to make payments for the church renovations as we collect the pledges for BLTO. Looking into 2021, the amount of pledge cards received has declined and there has been a reduction in the number of new pledges. Expenses have been adjusted to prepare for the lower projected pledges. We have also received a PPP loan and loan forgiveness which will help cover shortfall in 2021. Mark offered thanks to the members of the finance committee and to Kim Dekker who does an exceptional job keeping the books for CCA. Mark and Kim routinely audit expenses and the church employs an independent auditing firm to review the books and their review confirmed no irregularities in our books or procedures. Mark is an attorney by trade as well as a small business owner.

Next, Tom Horner gave further updates on the Bring Life to Others Campaign. This is our 3-year fundraising effort running from 2020 to 2022. Our goal was to raise \$3,000,000. As of December 31, 2020, we have \$2,024,000 pledged and have received \$1,109,000 in payments just one year into the campaign. Also, thanks to the \$104,000 surplus in the operating budget we were able to contribute those funds to BLTO. One other gift, approved by the Parish Council, was able to be contributed to the campaign for a total of \$2,400,000 committed which is 80% of the way to the goal.

In 2020, we spent \$1,638,000 from the BLTO funds for expenses from fundraising fees, roofing on the Disciples' Center, Disciples' Center kitchen and bathroom upgrades, and the worship space in the Nave. With these expenses we took a short-term construction loan for \$440,000 to allow us to finish those capital improvements. At this time, we have the funds to cover expected expenses coming up this year and do not expect further loan money will be needed. In 2021 we can turn our focus to paying the loan down. Tom whole-heartily thanked the parish for their generosity to the initiative, especially during the pandemic.

Patrick introduced Brian Neilson, the Administrator of the Endowment Trust. The ETB members are Brian Schwermann, April Anderson, Alicia Chidsey and Brian Neilson; Tom Berger was re-elected to serve on the ETB in this election, and he serves as the Treasurer. Brenden Jenks is the outside investment advisor. Tom Horner sits in as a representative from church stewardship, and Tim James serves as the liaison from the Parish Council. The head of the ETB is our Senior Pastor, Patrick Wildman.

Brian began by explaining the Endowment Trust. At fiscal year-end 2020, the portfolio had a value of over \$355K. This is a great testimony to the Lord's faithfulness and to the ETB members for their response during the global pandemic. During a tumultuous year the portfolio ended 4.7% higher than FYE 2019. The Endowment Trust bylaws will not allow the ETB to distribute more than originally donated, only the investment gains over and above this amount. Brian shared how grateful the members are that the practices they followed allowed the trust to not only withstand this year, but end with a larger portfolio than last year. In total the trust has assets of \$448k at FYE 2020 vs. \$433k at FYE 2019. Mirroring a year ago: 77% of the funds are split between two very diversified funds with exposure to a spectrum of bonds and equities, 1% in Cash, and 22% in cash surrender value of life insurance (which is unrealized and is not available for grants).

Brian invited anyone with questions to please reach out to him following the meeting.

Trish and Patrick spent some time sharing thanks to several people and admitted they had even more people to thank than they had time for. They shared thanks to Gloria Klug, Paul Zenk and all the garden team for their time spent improving the grounds at OP. Many groups met outside during this pandemic season and the garden team provided several wonderful spaces for people to be together with new benches, patios, landscaping, lighting and more.

They thanked Scott Dory and Ned Rychel for all their help around the building with many projects: maintenance, supplies and cleaning to name a few. They thanked the Altar Guild and Flower Delivery Team who continued to minister to families in the parish. Meal deliveries continued, lay chaplains ministered and many parish members made making phone calls to other parish members. They thanked the building team (Bob Fagan, Gerry Crawly, Kali Buchanan and Jerry Sabin) as they helped manage renovation work along with staff on the team. They thanked Evardy Constructions, SFS Architects and all those who contributed to the Nave looking so beautiful. Patrick shared an extra thanks to those on the Altar Guild who have gone out of their way to make sure communion and drive through communion was possible when in-person services were not.

Amanda led us in a very sweet time of remembrance of our beloved parishioners and loved ones who have departed this life. The list of names was reverently recited:

Ruth Matthey  
Craig Christie  
Dan (Daniel) Steele  
Jack Brooks  
Katie Liddle  
Ralph Anderson  
Laura Casper  
Chuck (Charles) Bleakley  
Frank Brandt

Judi Heck  
Pat Guthrie  
Reg (Reginald) Brodie  
Vicki (Victoria Ann) Hedlund  
Jennifer Lane Wilson  
Dick (Richard) King  
Chuck (Charles) Rouse  
Audrey Grisham  
Dick (Richard) Radke

After Patrick ended our time in prayer, Trish asked for a motion to adjourn, Jerry Sabin motioned the meeting to adjourn, Stephanie Faulkner seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. And Mel Clymer dismissed our gathering to go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

*Amen.*