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2022 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Opening of the Annual Meeting

Attendance taken by Sign-In.

Quorum determined (25 members in attendance).

Approval of the Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting: February 6, 2021

Statistical Report

Reports

Thanksgivings and Recognitions

Presentation of 2022 Budget: Donna McKee-Gallant, Treasurer

Vestry Election for class on 2024

Discussion of our future: Fr. Paul Gibbons

11:30 a.m. Closing Prayer and Blessing

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 6, 2021

The 2021 Annual Meeting was held online due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Notice and instructions were provided to members in advance by mail, on the Holy Trinity Parish website and in the weekly e-newsletter. Members read reports and voted online and by mail in advance of the meeting. Then, they joined the video-conference by a link posted on our website.

Introduction: The 2021 Annual Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with people entering Zoom online. Fr. Paul Gibbons, Rector, gave assistance in using this format for the meeting.

Morning Prayer: Fr. Paul introduced Morning Prayer with comments on the benefits of the Daily Office and instructions. The service was officiated by Fr. Paul with Petia Yanchulova Merica-Jones assisting with the liturgy and Chuck Merritt and Cathy Lemieux reading the lessons appointed for February 6.

Prayer for the Opening of the Annual Meeting was offered by Fr. Paul Gibbons, Rector at 10:16 a.m.

Quorum was declared present by Fr. Paul Gibbons. 34 voting members cast ballots in advance. 25 voting members were present at the meeting. plus two non-members were present. Attendance is recorded in the Annual Meeting file.

Approval of Minutes: Moved (Chuck Merritt), Seconded (Sheila Hammond), Carried: the Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting, dated February 1, 2020, were approved.

“Where Is God Leading Us?” - Fr. Paul Gibbons

Fr. Paul gave a state-of-the-parish address beginning with a video collage of 2020. A recording of this address is located in the Annual Meeting file.

Average attendance in 2020:

Sunday in person: 25.4

Sunday online: 148

Friday in person: 7

Friday online: 5

Further statistics are recorded in the Annual Meeting file.

Presentation of 2021 Budget - Donna McKee-Gallant (Treasurer)

Donna McKee-Gallant (Treasurer) presented the Budget for 2021. Donna thanked the Finance team for their service: Financial Secretary Janet Merritt; Assistant Treasurer Lenora Witt; the Budget Committee (Cathy Lemieux [chair], Janet Merritt, Jay Eggers, John Rogitz, Joanne Millum, Pat Hagan, Fr. Russell Martin, Donna McKee-Gallant); Office Manager Sandra Mack; and Counters. Income in 2020 was close to what was pledged. The 2021 Budget is balanced due in part to a

bequest from Edith Hall. Going forward, we have the option of using income from our investments.

Fr. Paul Gibbons added these comments in response to budget questions from the floor:

- We had an independent financial review of the books in 2020.
- Bethany Lutheran rent was renegotiated for 2021.
- We made a new contract with Teres Byrne, Musician.
- God is faithful. He will provide for what He calls us to do.

Motion to Change By-Laws – Jay Eggers

BE IT RESOLVED that Article III, Section 3 of the Amended and Restated By-laws of Holy Trinity Parish of Ocean Beach adopted on February 6, 2016, is amended by deleting "ten (10)" and inserting instead "not more than ten (10) nor less than seven (7)"

Moved (Jay Eggers), Second (Linda Klug), Carried: 31Y/2N/1A.

The By-Laws will be amended as follows:

NEW LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE III, Section 3

Section 3. Number and qualification of Vestry members. There shall be ~~ten (10)~~ not more than ten (10) nor less than seven (7) Vestry members, one of whom shall be the Rector and the remainder active members of the corporation.

Introduction and Election of New Vestry Member: Fr. Paul introduced Deborah Caroccia (in absentia). Moved (Jay Eggers), Second (Linda Klug), Carried: Deborah Caroccia was elected unanimously for the 2021 – 2023 Vestry term.

Thanksgiving and Recognitions: Fr. Paul thanked the Office Manager, Finance Team, Vestry and Wardens, Altar Guild, Music Ministry. Fr. Paul thanked the two outgoing Vestry members for their service: Teresa Hardisty and Mark Caroccia. They will receive icons of the Transfiguration as soon as he sees them.

Closing

Fr. Paul concluded with a final prayer at 11:14 a.m. Fr. Wale Giwa-Alaka moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra J. Mack

VESTRY NOMINEE PROFILES, CLASS OF 2024

Vestry terms are for three years. Vestry nominees are members of the church in good standing. For more information about the vestry of Holy Trinity visit www.holytrinitysd.com/what-is-the-vestry.html

Thomas Creighton

Thomas Felix Creighton is a British subject, brought up in within the Anglican communion. He has worshiped at Anglican churches in the UK, Turkish Cyprus, Hong Kong and a variety of other countries; keeping the CoE traditions and articles of faith alive as part of an international worshipful community. He moved to San Diego in 2021, and attended Holy Trinity upon arrival, joining the choir and giving Bible readings for services. So, Thomas is a recent but active member of Holy Trinity, SD.

Corin Fayé

Corin Fayé was born in Santa Barbara and raised in the Seattle area. After getting his BA in English Literature, he did mission work in Hungary with YWAM and then worked in the Produce Department of Safeway for eight years. He's currently a freelance writer and lives in Point Loma.

Travis Wilson

Travis Wilson was born in Nevada but grew up in Southern California in Ocean Beach and Crestline. He is a graduate of California State University San Marcos (B.A. Communications) and Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA (M.Div. 2022). After graduating from CSUSM, Travis became the Branch Director for the Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos before entering full-time ministry work through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Travis and his wife Kelsey met as students at CSUSM and married in 2016 once they were both on staff with InterVarsity. Travis served InterVarsity as a Campus Staff and Associate Area Director before leaving staff to pursue Holy Orders through the Diocese of Western Anglicans. Kelsey now works as a coach on the National Ministry Partnership Development team for InterVarsity. Travis and Kelsey have two beautiful girls, Rylee and Selah. They are expecting their third this April! Travis has a deep love for the Church, God's people, and the proclamation of the Gospel, which he brings to everything he does.

SENIOR WARDENS REPORT, 2021

WORSHIP IN THE TIME OF COVID

*And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)*

The year 2021 was a continuation of the strangest times most, if not all, of us have ever experienced. In early 2020 the corona-19 virus began infecting and spreading throughout the whole world. It affected every aspect of human life and most of were either directly affected, or know someone, who was affected physically, financially, mentally and/or spiritually by this pandemic.

The pandemic affected the Body of Christ by the shutting down of houses of worship. But as it always is God had other ways for the Body to continue their worship.

In 2021 Holy Trinity began the year as we finished 2020 by having outdoor services at 10:30 on the patio at our office at Cannon and Talbot in Point Loma. These services were on-line and very successful thanks to people volunteering to help with the se-up, running the video equipment, and the break down and clean-up the area at the end of service. These services continued into December nearly uninterrupted due to the fact we were blessed with great weather and only had to move indoors twice.

In June, when the COVID restrictions ease up, we resumed our 8:00 service at Bethany Lutheran. At this point we could have gone back to the way things were before the pandemic started and just had the 8:00 service but the 10:30 service was attracting a number a new people, especially families with kids and we knew we should not end it. Since then, we have continued both services almost every Sunday.

During this time, we continued our search for a permanent home, however everyplace we found was either financially out of reach or did not want to have a church in their facility. In the end we decided to alter the interior of the office space in Point Loma and make it into a Chapel for the 10:30 service. After getting permission from our landlord and the city of San Diego, several walls were removed and the majority of the space became a place for worship. On November 21st we conducted our first indoor service.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has given of their time, talents and treasures which has made this last year, despite the pandemic, one where we could see God's plans for our community.

Respectfully Submitted

Chuck Merritt
Sr. Warden

PEOPLE'S WARDEN REPORT, 2021

2021 proved to be another challenging year. The Parish family has changed and grown stronger in our faith. We have added a Chapel service to which offers additional worship opportunities to for the community.

The Vestry met with the Bishop in December. He offered his support and assistance in moving forward with the positive change. The Parish while working through the challenges of 2021 which included, the continued Covid 19 affects, the reduced in-person attendance, still grew in new members.

We as a Parish remain focused on the Lord and the Anglian Faith. Looking toward this new year. Coming together to build on our successes. The Parish needs all of us to take an active part. I pray that each of us will chose to be a part of the varied opportunities to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lemieux

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT, 2021

Sheila Hammond, Betsy Tranberg and Laury Graves attended to the Altar Guild duties including the setting up and cleaning up the communion elements and vestments at Sunday 8 a.m. services at Bethany Church. Debby Caroccia did the same for the 10:30 services outside on the patio and as the services moved into the office space late in the year. During Debby's medical leave, the others helped. We are grateful to Father Wale Giwa-Alaka, Father Russell Martin and Abbie Gibbons for setting up the altar table, sacraments and vestments at the outside patio services, as they were able. Betsy checked and ordered needed items such as communion wafers and wine along with Sunday altar flowers at Bethany, lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas.

Betsy retired from the Altar Guild at the end of the year. Laury resigned. Sheila and Debby desperately need help. Please contact them directly to see how you can assist even in small ways.

Faithfully submitted,

Debby, Sheila, Betsy and Laury

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT, 2021

The Financial Secretary's responsibilities are primarily to receive and record income from donors, make bank deposits, and prepare donor statements. Members' pledges are recorded and tracked by the Financial Secretary as well.

2021 Pledge Report

Pledges to General Fund

32 pledges at start of year:	\$163,034.00
1 additional pledge:	<u>7,350.00</u>
33 pledges at end of year:	\$170,384.00

Pledge funds received:

Pledged:	\$170,384.00
15 overpaid pledge:	33,388.00
8 underpaid pledge:	(12,560.88)
Net over/underpayment:	<u>+20,827.12</u>
Total Pledge funds received:	\$191,211.12

2021 ONLINE contributions

Nine (9) individuals used the online portal to make donations.

\$ 10,720.00 is the *total* amount donated online. \$ 5,460.00 of online donations came from pledging individuals/families, and is included in the pledge calculations above.

Note: The lag time between when donations are made online through the Facebook portal and the day those funds are remitted to our bank, is a minimum of 3 weeks.

2022 Pledge Report

\$128,268.00 has been pledged by **22** individuals or families (includes 1 new).

My gratitude to Sandra Mack and Dana Maxwell for stepping up to count the 8:00 a.m. receipts, and to the *numerous* volunteer counters that were recruited in pairs each Sunday to count the 10:30 a.m. receipts. I thank you all so much for your willingness to be tapped to play such an important and vital role in the functioning of the church, as you are first to handle and count the offerings.

Submitted by,

Janet Merritt

MUSIC REPORT, 2021

The choir was excited to be back singing this year starting in March at the outdoor mass and now at the indoor space in Point Loma. We said goodbye to Russell Martin and wished him well on his marriage and new life in Texas. We welcomed new choir members Stephanie and Thomas Creighton. Christmas Eve was beautiful with special music by Pete Thistle and additional singers Alicia Calhoun, April Gibbons and Geoff Schiering, with Geoff's added talents on guitar. We are thankful for our choir members and vocal volunteers: Alicia Calhoun, April Gibbons, Charlotte Hickcox, Geoff Schiering, Janet Merritt, Stephanie and Thomas Creighton. The choir and musicians look forward to more opportunities to worship the Lord with you and are always open to welcoming new singers and musicians.

Serving the Lord with you,
Teres Byrne

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT, 2021

2021 was the second year of global pandemic. The 10:30 a.m. outdoor service that we began in September of 2020 celebrated its one-year anniversary. In that one year, we received 19 new members. We also welcomed many more visitors, some of whom have continued with us. Fr. Paul trained some of the members as new Readers and Chalice Bearers, so we had a strong pool of worship assistants at this service. Numerous volunteers helped to set up equipment each Sunday, and others served as video technicians. An average of 25 worshipers attended these outdoor services in 2021. Many more watched online. Fr. Russell Martin assisted through July, when he moved to Texas. The Vestry made plans to find and/or make an indoor space for the 10:30 service. When all neighbors and our landlord approved plans to remodel the office space, Fr. Paul approached the City of San Diego and was told we didn't need a permit because we were already zoned properly. We began renovations of our office space to accommodate indoor worship. At the end of 2021, the office renovation was still in progress while we held services inside.

Regular 8:00 a.m. worship resumed at Bethany Lutheran Church in June 2021. Beginning in September, we offered hymns at this service on the first Sunday of each month. Attendance at the 8:00 service was up to 20 worshipers; mostly established parishioners, but some of our new members and visitors worshiped at that service also. In the fall, Carl Tranberg reestablished our after-church fellowship hour, which was well-received.

Our online service, begun in 2020, continued all year, moving to YouTube in the summer. YouTube provided better sound and video quality but did not provide the interaction that parishioners enjoyed with Facebook Live.

Fr. Paul continued to provide home communion to homebound parishioners, observing all safety protocols. Many welcomed these personal visits, but most able parishioners chose to worship in person at one of our two services. Fr. Paul continued his weekly Monday Morning Prayer, Friday Morning Prayer, monthly Wednesday Men's Group at his home, service as Assistant Dean of San Diego Anglicans, service on the Governance Task Force, leader of the annual Deanery Campout.

We continued our office pandemic protocols throughout 2021. My Office Assistant, Monica Rose, worked on Mondays and Wednesdays; I served at the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays (other days from home;) and Fr. Paul worked at the office on weekends. Monica left in October to move to another state with her (military) family.

2021 was my final year of employment at Holy Trinity. I am grateful for seventeen years of service as the Holy Trinity Office Manager. On December 19, Travis Wilson began as Church Administrator. I look forward to continued worship, fellowship and voluntary service at Holy Trinity.

It has been an honor to serve our Lord with you in the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra J. Mack, Office Manager

Opportunities for Worship and Study:

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2051 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on the Office Patio Jan. to Nov. 2021

Indoors, Nov. to Dec. 2021 3725 Talbot Street, Suite B

Regular weekday services and classes

Fridays: Morning Prayer with Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Seasonal: Fellowship and/or Prayer Groups in homes.

Clergy

The Rev. Paul Gibbons, Rector

The Rev. Russell Martin, Assistant until August 2021

The Rev. Adewale Giwa-Alaka, Assistant until June 2021

2021 Staff

Sandra J. Mack, Office Manager

Monica Rose, Office Assistant, Jan. to Oct. 2021

Travis Wilson, Church Administrator, began Dec. 19, 2021

Donna McKee-Gallant, Treasurer

2021 Vestry

Class of 2021

Chuck Merritt, Senior Warden (2021) Donna McKee-Gallant, (2021) Petia Merica-Jones, Jan. to July 2021 (2021) Sean Hails, Sept. to Dec. 2021 (2021) Jay Eggers, Jan. to March 2021 (2021)

Class of 2022

Cathy Lemieux, Junior Warden (2022), Carl Tranberg (2022)

Class of 2023

Deborah Caroccia, Clerk (2023)

2021 Lay Leaders, Committee & Guilds

Altar Guild, Laury Graves

Assistant Treasurer, Lenora Witt

8:00 a.m. Usher, Carl Tranberg

Finance Committee, Donna McKee-Gallant

Financial Secretary, Janet Merritt

Pastoral Care Partners, Fr. Paul Gibbons

Treasurer, Donna McKee-Gallant

Women's Group, Joanne Millum