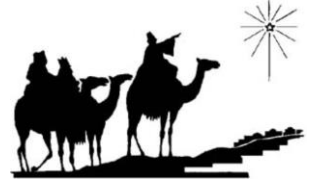




St. Michael and All Angels Church

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA ZOOM MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 @ 10:30 am



Attendance: Confirmation of attendees for this meeting since this will be a Zoom Meeting and we need Quorum to conduct business

Opening Prayer:

Welcome & Explanation of Online Procedures

Resolutions

Resolution A: Authorization for a Virtual Meeting

Nominations for Elections

Vestry Nominees for 2021:

Nominations for the Vestry are as follows:

Sr. Warden: Michael Ham

Jr. Warden: Carol Weekley

Vestry Members: (2023) Larry Schlossin, Robert Weekley

Current Vestry Members:

(terms end after 2022) John Neubert, Kerwin Axford

(terms end after 2021) Jack Bidell, Sharon Schlossin

Convention Delegates: Carol Weekley, Bob Weekley.

Alternate: Mike Ham

Nominations from the floor

Elections

Reports

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Committee Updates:

Worship Committee

Evangelism

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Nurturing & Fellowship

Building & Grounds – Report 3

Administration

Comments for the Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

Resolution A

1 Whereas, it is usual for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church to meet with all
2 annual meeting participants in person, in accordance with New York State Law
3 regarding nonprofit corporations and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of
4 the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York; and

5 Whereas, the public health emergency caused by Covid-19 pandemic has made it both
6 dangerous and illegal to gather in large groups; and

7 Whereas the State of New York permits during this pandemic, by Executive Order, the
8 holding of a nonprofit corporation's annual meeting by electronic means provided that
9 all participants can see and hear and participate in the proceedings; and we are satisfied
10 that the provisions that have been made for this convention meet both the letter of the
11 Executive Order and the spirit of Canon Law;

12 We hereby authorize this meeting to be held by electronic means that allow all
13 participants to see and hear and participate in the proceedings of this annual meeting.

Report 1 - 2020 Year Summary / Senior Warden's Report

2020 St. Michael & All Angels Church
Year in Review

January:

The year started out basically like last year. We started out by searching for another Priest-In-Charge. Meanwhile we came up with Supply Priests to fill in for our Sunday services. We held our Annual Parish meeting on January 12, 2020 resulting with a newly elected Vestry, Warden & Jr Warden. We also established new committee assignments. Further discussions with Pastor Grooms on his Way of Life Church future goals.

February:

Discussions continued with our search for a Priest in Charge. Source of candidates for the position were slim. There was a new priest that was to be ordained soon that we met with and felt would be next Priest in Charge. Building updates and repairs continued during the year as we moved forward

March:

Our discussion on Priest in Charge continued. We received notice from Rev Cathy Dempsey-Sims that Rev. Rosie Nogle will not be joining us as Priest in Charge since she was committed to another church now. So, we continued to fill in with Supply Priests for our Sunday Services.

April:

The COVID 19 world wide virus has been spreading everywhere now and has had many implications on overall Business and Churches also. Church Services have been canceled because of Virus. Our vestry meeting was held by Virtual Zoom Internet Conferencing. No updates on Priest in Charge

May:

Many discussions on holding church services in the near future at Vestry Meeting VIA Zoom Internet Conferencing. Following guidelines wearing masks and social gatherings. We were looking forward to opening in June if possible, with guidelines. Still no updates on Priest in Charge

June:

Morning Prayer has been made available to everyone with all precautions. We followed guidelines that the Episcopal Diocese sent out on holding services in the future. Still no Priest in Charge available so we are still using Supply Priests for Sunday services. Vestry meeting was held where we discussed how we can move forward with the COVID 19 implications.

July:

Success with 3 weeks of morning prayer held. We will be able to continue until restrictions are lifted. Pastor Grooms has not held services at our church since March and may not until Pandemic COVID 19 is solved. Still no candidates for Priest in Charge. Vestry Meeting held with continued building improvements being made.

August:

No vestry Meeting this month. But we did have a meeting with Rev. Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims to discuss our Ministry at St Michaels & All Angels Church. We are at a point where we need a Priest in Charge for our future. Many discussions on possibilities of either becoming part of another church or closing were discussed. But those options are not what we want. We will continue to research candidates for Priest in Charge. Canon Cathy did come up with some people to interview for our position with either sharing priest or just a part time priest. So, we interviewed a few Priests about the position and decided to offer the position to Reverend Jason Miller.

September:

Letter of Agreement with Rev. Jason Miller completed and signed. Since Rev Jason is still working at the Cathedral, we will not have his services until October 1st. Many discussions going forward with the anticipation of Rev Jason joining us in October. Finally, we are going to have a Priest in Charge.

October:

Rev Jason Miller has now joined us. Vestry meeting with him this past month was great. Many ideas for the future were discussed with Rev Jason. A breath of fresh air for us all. Evangelism Meeting Held. Future event planning and exploring suggestions to expand our ministries. Suggestion that we record Rev Jason's sermons and put them online.

November:

A lot happened this month. We updated our website and were able to record 2 of Rev Jason's sermons and put them online. Discussions on Christmas Services and pie making.

December:

Episcopal Diocese has shut down in Church Services until the first of the year since the COVID 19 Pandemic has increased. Rev Jason was able to put together online Sunday services for YouTube. Vestry Meeting for this month was held on a virtual ZOOM. We discussed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services. Also, the annual Meeting in January will be held Virtually by ZOOM.

Finally:

This has been a trying year like no other. The COVID 19 Pandemic has changed the way we worship but hopefully we will be back to our normal services soon. God works in mysterious ways and this past year is one of them. We will keep the faith going forward. My hope for the future is that we can return to some normalcy soon.

Faithfully Submitted, Larry Schlossin, Sr. Warden

Report 2 - Pastor's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been 3 months since I began serving as your priest-in-charge, yet even in my short time here I have discovered some truths. It did not take me long to realize that God is alive and active at St. Michael and All Angels. I feel privileged to be a part of this ministry, which is steeped in rich history and yet looking in new and creative ways towards God's future.

2020 has been a tumultuous year. The old style of writing years would have us write A.D. 2020. In this style of date, A.D. stands for *anno domini*, Latin for "in the year of the lord." This gives us hope, as always, to know our Lord, Jesus Christ, is with us throughout all that we've faced!

I have had a terrible introduction to many of you because of our forced physical distancing. I look forward to spending 2021 returning to worship in person and getting to know you all better. Because of the limitations in place, it feels very awkward to me that some of us have never met yet.

And yet, the church marches on... In what could be called "a stroke of good luck" (although I prefer using the term "the intervention of the Holy Spirit"), I was called to be priest in charge just before we closed our doors once again for in-person worship. Because we rely so heavily upon seeing one another to communicate, one of my first priorities was to get a new weekly newsletter up and running so that any announcements can easily be communicated. We've also been able to expand our web presence (and a new website should be launching right before we have our annual meeting!) and presence on social media, including Facebook and YouTube. Certainly, navigating online worship hasn't been a cakewalk, and we will be regrouping once we are allowed to resume in-person gatherings to determine what worked, what didn't, and what we'd like to continue to do.

The pandemic closure has given us the [forced] opportunity to reach out and minister in new ways. We are getting between 20 and 30 views of our weekly worship services. This is not attendance, but the number of computers or devices which access our content. That means that we have people who are not normally in our church building watching and learning from my sermons and listening to our lectors use their voices. We've been able to play hymns so that you can sing along at home and not just hum. And our Longest Night service (needed more this year than any I've ever experienced!) saw over 40 attendees at various times between the time when it was premiered and Christmas Day.

Where does that leave us? There is a desire to return to in-person worship. There is a desire to interact in ways that we are used to. And there is a clear desire among our people to find new ways to minister to our community. The Vestry has begun to look at how we need to re-envision our place in the community, and that process will continue, likely without much noticeable outward progress until summer because of the in-person restrictions. But regardless of what our physical gatherings and place in the community look like, our mission and our way to minister is Jesus. Our mission is to share God's love with all we meet.

One place that I've noticed we can start working is in our own formation. I say "our" because I, too, am on a path to form myself constantly. I have begun my Doctor of Ministry program in a track called Prophetic Leadership, and this in many cases may involve looking at leading and interacting with the community in different ways. I think

this is a great fit for this place at this time. But even beyond that, I think of formation as a road we all walk together; I cannot be formed without forming those who form me. And so, you'll notice in the weekly newsletter a series of questions (at the bottom of the email) regarding your desires for formation. I am well aware that online formation may not be a desire for many of you, but the warmer weather is coming and opportunities to gather outside will present themselves as surely as the buds will begin returning to the trees before we know it. Please take 90 seconds to reply to these questions in the next email you get. If you don't get email, a copy of the survey is in the annual packet, and I encourage you to return it to the church office.

And, perhaps most importantly, I am grateful to God for all of you. You all are doing the work of God. It is a privilege to work with people eager to follow Jesus and interested in reaching out and welcoming newcomers into God's family. I look forward with excitement to journeying with you in 2021 and beyond as we discern what our future holds. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and bring you grace and peace, and may God continue to bless you on your journey, now and always.

In Christ,

Rev. Jason Miller, Priest-in-Charge

Report 3 – Buildings & Grounds

Prepared By Kerwin & Jack

1. Clean up and organizing boiler room
2. Empty the old gas from generator
3. Had riding lawn mower serviced
4. Had push lawn mower serviced and fixed
5. Finished downstairs office room painting
6. Prepared office room for new networking room
7. Fished CAT 6 wire from networking room to office, upstairs hallway, lower hallway, boiler room and undercroft
8. Installed Wi-Fi access points in West Wing up and downstairs, undercroft and church. Wi-Fi set up by Bob Weekly, Thank You
9. Repaired PVC pipe sign out in front of Church (Mike & Carol Ham)
10. Replace rope lights in the reredos nooks
11. All lights in undercroft replaced with LED lights as well as other lights in church
12. Church brick sign replaced
13. Install gutter heater wire on both sides on church West wing
14. Cleaned out gutters of debris. Installed leaf guard on Southside of West Wing of Church
15. Replaced gutter heater sensor
16. Bought a new computer for office. Bob Weekly to set up
17. Boiler repairs
18. Clean out of main sewer (maintenance)
19. Replaced church garage roof
20. Clean and organized garage

Report 4 – Pie Sale Report

St. Michael & All Angels

Pies – We Make You Bake 2020

First off, Carol and I would like to thank all the people that participated in the selling, making, wrapping and delivery of this year's pies. We were originally planning, due to the covid-19, to make approximately 50 – 60 pies and this year without any outside advertising there were 160 plus pies made and sold. Hats off to one and all and an extraordinary event at St. Michael's. This resulted in our sales of \$1947. Our expenses were \$498.03 resulting in a profit of \$1447. The proceeds this year will be donated to Camp Duffield and the Genesis House.

Most of our sales this year has been from repeat customers that had called us or were happy to hear from us that pies are still available this year with our restrictions. With seven different pies available apple and pumpkin this year were the most popular. Carol did a fantastic job of shopping, making the fruit pies and wrapping and deserves a much needed rest after all that work. Our pies have the "homemade" taste and look about them and we stand behind the quality of them. The crew that assisted with the pie project is taking a break, enjoying family and friends (safely!) and looking forward to our 2021 project.

Once again, I thank one and all and look forward to attend our services again with Father Jason Miller. Be strong and be hopeful and be thankful for the blessings we've receive, after all, we are St. Michael's.

Michael Ham