

# The Church of Our Saviour 98th Annual Meeting

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**Date/Time:** 11/14/21 10:18 AM to 11:03 AM

**Speakers:** Henry Allen (Warden), Shanna Allen, Susan Jacobson, Lisa Masiello, Donald Roberts.

**Minutes Transcribed By:** Henry Allen

**Opening Prayer:** Henry Allen

## Warden's Report

*(Report read aloud by Henry Allen)*

- Wardens have been working with the diocese to find a replacement priest
  - Very positive meetings
- Canon Clark asked for two things while we search for a priest:
  - Visit from the church property manager (Jim Caputo) to ensure that the grounds are being maintained
  - Our financial records
- The church is now utilizing ChurchTrac to track both weekly church attendance as well as our finances.
- We continue to evaluate out tenant situation
  - Rented out the upstairs of the vicarage to our new groundskeeper, Charles
    - Already alerted us to an issue before it became a major problem
  - Dance Power continues to rent out the basement space
- The campfire night led by Lisa Masiello was a great success
  - In the planning stages to hold a BBQ after a service in the spring
- Several groups were not able to meet during COVID
  - ECW was not meeting, however, they've resumed meeting
- Thank you (from the wardens) to the parishioners of the Church of Our Saviour

## Financial Reports

*(Report read aloud by Shanna Allen)*

- Balance Sheets Report
  - Show you the assets and liabilities listed
    - Accounts that the church actually holds
      - Investment and Vicar's discretionary funds are held in Fidelity
      - Checking and security deposit accounts at TD Bank
    - Only liability is the AMEX bill which is paid in full every month
    - PPP loan
- Fund Overview Report
  - Categorize everything to be put into different funds
    - Organ Fund / B&G / etc.
- Category Overview Report
  - How we break down what we spent
- Income Statement Report

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- Tell you what money we've had come in and go out

## **Treasurer's Report**

*(Report read aloud by Shanna Allen)*

- Church has experienced many changes
  - Most notably the sudden departure of our vicar
- Financial picture remains good
  - This is due to a combination of:
    - Member's tithe to the church
    - The absence of a regular clergy salary
    - A still-growing stock market
    - Another \$9,570 PPP loan (which will not need to be repaid)
- Endowment continues to grow
- Rental income remained lower
  - This is due to a combination of:
    - The impact of COVID on our current and former tenants
    - AA has not resumed meeting
    - Dance Power remains behind on their rent
  - Expected 2022 rental income will perhaps be somewhat higher than in 2020 or 2021 because our residential tenant appears stable financially and is making regular rent payments.
  - We do not know much much longer our commercial tenant will remain [Dance Power]
  - We do not know if or when AA will return
- Because our annual meeting this year is being held even earlier than in 2020 (during stewardship season) there is an incomplete picture of the number or amount of expected pledges for the coming year.

## **Buildings and Grounds Report**

*(Report read by Henry Allen)*

- Reviewed the list of items that B&G completed during 2021

## **Altar Guild Report**

*(Report read aloud by Susan Jacobson)*

- Responsible for:
  - Setting up the Altar
  - Flower arrangements
- Low on Members
  - Start training Carol Hanson
- All congregants in good standing may serve on the Altar Guild

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## **Tech Verver / Journey Forward Report**

*(Report read aloud by Henry Allen)*

- Moved back to in-person worship
  - Service is “broadcast” every Sunday via Zoom
    - We thank Kiki and Shanna for making this possible
  - Service is lightly edited and uploaded to YouTube
    - We do reach several people every week including our newest online parishioner, Bob
- Our plan for 2022 is to install a better microphone/speaker and camera system in the church
- We strongly encourage everyone to view our YouTube channel

## **ECW & Outreach Report**

*(Report read aloud by Susan Jacobson)*

- Several collections during the year
  - (These collections were listed and are roughly the same this year)
- Oversee coffee hour
  - Hopefully to return soo
- Responsible for seasonal displays at the church
- EVERY woman is invited to join the ECW

## **Communications Report**

*(Report read aloud by Shanna Allen)*

- The communications committee was reinstated during COVID by Liz.
- Responsible for:
  - Church website
  - Social media posts
  - Emails and letters to the congregation
  - Putting the bulletins together for print and online publication each week
  - Communicating announcements of our events
- The communications committee is the primary point of contact with any outside contacts for church events.
- Looking for additional members to help out

## **Formation: Children's Education Report**

*(Report read aloud by Lisa Masiello)*

- Happy to be back this fall
  - Slow for families to return to worship
    - Have ~4 kids on a Sunday
- Backpack blessing went well
  - Drew in the kids
- Working on getting families back in the church

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- Goal of Lisas
- More online engagement with new curriculum
  - Something easy that the families can do at home if they don't make it on a Sunday
- Lisa found a new program called "Mini Revolutions" from *Illustrated Ministry* due to the lessons needing to be held outside because of COVID.
  - Very simple program that's lectionary based
    - Tied to the readings in church for that week
    - Anyone can do it
- Lisa will be away from January through August of 2022
  - Will need volunteers to help
  - Asking parents to volunteer a week of their time with the children to help continue the Sunday School program
- Discussing an "instant christmas pageant"
  - Involves 0 rehearsal
  - Would be held on 12/19/21
  - Involve everyone
- Epiphany Party for the kids
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## Elections

- New elections for Vestry include:
  - Helen Allen, Vestry
  - Pat Chirrella, Vestry
  - Kiki Cafaro, Vestry
- Re-election include:
  - Susan Jacobson, Warden

## Questions and Answers, Comments

- **Don:** We are full of the spirit and a very welcoming congregation.
  - A church for everyone
  - In one big instance, we failed to communicate this
    - We need to communicate this better to the LGBTQ community
- **Henry Allen:** For the 2022 convention, we need to elect a slate of delegates
  - The wardens did not have a slate of delegates to elect
    - Will reconvene a meeting in the next several weeks to elect delegates to convention.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Henry Allen