

St James Episcopal Church  
Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 22, 2023

Alan called the meeting to order @ 9:15

Mary Lu Gunn opened the meeting with a prayer from our Prayer Book.

Terry Klinect made a motion that Kathleen be clerk for the meeting, Lynda second. Motion carried.

Alan invited Dick and Pam forward to recognize them for their service to St James on the Vestry. Alan presented Pam with a gift card to Reeves and Dick a gift card to Wander.

Alan then introduced Kim as the Parish Administrator.

Information:

- Search Committee: John Templeton said Search Committee has been active all year and ad was still up at the Diocese; however, the Search Committee recommends that we hire Father Sam Buice as our Interim Priest. Next Sunday will be his first official Sunday. Search will remain active.
- Vestry: A motion is needed to nominate Bethany Weiser and Chris Adams to be named as new Vestry Members. Jackie made the motion and Bob Hatcher seconded. Alan asked if there were any nominations from the floor, hearing none, a unanimous vote for Bethany and Chris to be new vestry members. Next Sunday will be commissioning of Vestry.
- Finances: Jim Wallis said we are in sound financial shape. We were okay during covid that we collected 82% of pledges when normally 95%. There was a 21% increase in pledges in 2022 over 2021. Our shortfall was only \$2600.00. In 2023 some of our expenses may be paid by designated funds, most of our designated funds are not restricted by donors, these funds need to be able to be moved around by Vestry.

Long term fund balance went from 386,000.00 to 317,000.00 but none were used, this was just due to loss in market. The total budget is what was requested, and total income is pledges.

- All committees have reports on Website for all to view.
- Senior Warden reports that covid recovery started in 2022.
- Junior Warden- Property upkeep and utilities budget set to accommodate aging building's anticipated repairs.

Mary Lu made a motion to adjourn. David seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 9:47.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Johnson

