

## **Minutes for Saint John's 2024 Annual Meeting**

### **January 28, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Cassandra Winger, Senior Warden.

1. Opening Prayers were led by the Rector, Julie D. Bryant
2. Barbara Olivere was appointed Clerk for meeting by Senior Warden.
3. Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were not available, and Lisa Pope will send them to Julie to be distributed to the congregation.
4. The ministry reports were read by all. The question was called to accept the reports, and they were accepted by all.
5. Rev. Julie Bryant gave a review of 2023
  - Julie issued an invitation for us to consider a Motto for Ministry. Several of St. John's traditions have returned including the Community Pancake Supper, participating in Glencarlyn Day festivities with face painting, collecting school supplies for students at Carlin Spring, the Angel tree project. We hosted Glencarlyn's caroling and participated in the Luminaria project. The grounds have been beautified, and we enjoyed a pleasant evening playing games.
  - We have had several joint projects with St Patrick's, in January, along with St Barnabas, we provided Hypothermia Shelter meals. During Lent there was a shared study of the Psalms and stations of the Cross, an afternoon of Pysanky egg decorating along with two concerts both benefiting Ukraine relief, and a picnic with the preschoolers. Kathy Oliver from St Patrick's and Julie were in Baltimore in July for the 'It's All About Love' Revival that is the basis for the upcoming 2024 Lenten program. The Fourth Sunday of Advent was celebrated at St Patrick's, while Christmas Eve services were held at St Johns. Bishop Dabney Smith visited with the service splitting between the two churches.
  - Over the year, we marked the passing of Janet Spence, Del Hunt, John Restall, Carolyn Corlett, and Anne and Paul Stenger. Julie also had significant deaths in her extended family, and we had three supply clergy in her absence. Greetings and thanks we sent to them.
  - We currently share space with a Seventh Day Adventist Congregation. Noted was that both the agreement and the facility need "Refreshing."
  - We have been approached as a potential location the Little Free Pantry recently closed at Central Library. A working group is needed to consider the project and the concerns and benefits for the community.
  - We need a number of additional people to serve in various ministries.

- Additional ideas were offered including the community to consider memory care and prevention provide be Goodwin House, household safety, and restarting Game night.
  - Julie's report ended with the request to fill out distributed index cards with what ministries each person might consider. Also, each was asked to include their thoughts on how to describe our mission.
  - Julie will be formally installed as our Rector on Sunday, March 17, 2024.
6. Treasures Report for 2023 and Budget for 2024 was given by Peter Olivere.
  7. Vestry Nominees were presented and Election by acclamation. Sandy Winger, Dave Dunlap, Lisa Pope, Diane Henderson, and Peter Olivere agreed to continue. Christine Williams and Patricia Broida agreed to become new members.
  8. Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara L Olivere  
February 17, 2025