

**Christ Episcopal Church
King and Queen Parish
Parish Annual Meeting Minutes Via ZOOM
Sunday, February 21, 2021**

Father Chris Jubinski called the Zoom Parish Annual Meeting of Christ Church to order at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was established.

Motion carried to accept Minutes from the 2020 Annual meeting as presented.

2021 Budget

Greg Penk reviewed the 2021 Budget and an agreement to accept the deficit as presented was made.

Rectors Report

What more can we say about 2020? This has been a year, when seemingly, our whole world has been turned upside down. Many of our comfortable familiar routines have in have been preempted and replaced by new customs that have taken many of us outside our comfort zones. We have been out of our beloved church for almost an entire year. Our go to touchstone place in times of trouble has been shattered and out of reach.

Yet during this past year we have been given a rare opportunity been to take a good hard look at the way we minister in a whole new way. Necessity has forced us to really think outside of the box and not rely on old excuses such as “we’ve never done it this way before.” Why? Because the harvest is plentiful...the work that God has given the Church still has to be done.

Since the seeds of our parish were planted back in the year 1640, our congregation has seen many changes over the centuries. Wars, depressions, and times in which pandemics run rampant throughout our communities. While it is impossible for us to gather in person worship, meetings, or to do anything else for the matter, the reality is that ministry must go on God’s work does not stop even though a pandemic keeps us in isolation. We are more flexible that we think we are!

During the past year, we have been able to explain our online presence and reach so many people through our streaming services and online studies. While so many of us have probably felt totally inadequate to the task at the beginning of the pandemic, a year on we are becoming more and more comfortable with the use of technology. While we may not like the use of technology, it has been a useful way to stay connected during these most unusual times. As we move forward, we must keep in mind that our digital life is kind of like a genie in a bottle. Once let loose from its bottle, is here to stay. While we all look forward to a time when we can enjoy in person worship, fellowship, and general life together, for some, our digital online presence will be the only way that we will be able to reach certain people. We should not let our discomfort technology prevent us from reaching out to a wider potential congregation that can only be found online.

Soon we will hopefully be coming out of the pandemic. What have we learned during our time in the wilderness? What have we learned about ourselves and about what God’s preferred future

is for us? As we continue to discern our future, let us first celebrate how that we have been flexible enough to navigate through the waters of COVID-19. God has given us the courage, strength, and inspiration to see our way through these strange times and still minister in God's name.

Finally, as I continue to recover from the bout of COVID-19, I am grateful for all your prayers, love, cards, nourish meals and words of support that has been so important to my healing. I am so grateful and proud of Greg Penk, Keith Owens, Bobbi Schmitz, and our Vestry for keeping us moving forward. It is humbling to see that the world still turns without me being in charge and that I am not as important in the grand scheme of things as I think I am!
Best Wishes and God's Blessing Chris+

Senior Warden

This year started out so nicely. I'm not sure why it didn't decide to keep it up. Once Covid-19 started spreading, we had to begin making many decisions to try to ensure that the congregation could continue to worship safely. As Spring approached, we were able to begin looking at ways to gather together, and Fr. Chris established a Regathering Committee under the wonderful leadership of Robbie Loker. In Mid-May, we began establishing guidelines for reopening using the Diocesan, CDC, State and County guidance. We began holding outdoor services in the Loker's side yard in late June, and we eventually were able to move into the Parish Hall, and using social distancing and masking guidelines, held safe services through Christmas.

While the Church building was unavailable, the Buildings and Grounds committee began investigating a potential mold problem. An evaluation by a licensed environmental company showed that we did have mold. Using their recommendations, the mold was remediated, old air conditioning units were replaced by new heat pumps, dehumidifiers were installed, and the entire interior of the Church was repainted.

Father Chris told me on Dec. 30 that he had tested positive for Covid-19. At this point he was home, but feeling progressively worse. Carol notified me on Wednesday, January 6, that he had gone to St. Mary's Hospital.

I took the following steps to try to keep the congregation informed, and to make sure we had a way to have services and pastoral care:

- I coordinated with Fr. Greg Syler to provide pastoral services and Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer services to Christ Church. I made sure that he could post services on the Christ Church Facebook page. Also talked to Bishop Mariann about Chris' condition.
- I worked with Bobbi Schmitz, our Parish Administrator, to come up with an email distribution list for the congregation.
- I began providing regular updates to the congregation on Fr. Chris via email and Facebook.
- I began publishing a weekly Parish Newsletter.
- I began coordinating with the Kathleen Hall of the Diocese and Stephen Hunt to send him an "End of Service" letter due to his unavailability to perform after he tore a tendon in his left thumb after a fall. Stephen is applying for unemployment, and hopefully we'll be able to get him back in the Summer.

- I coordinated with our Parish Administrator and Greg Syler regarding Pat Wyant's funeral.
- I answered questions from the congregation and others regarding Chris at numerous times.
- I began reviewing financial and pledge information for the Church. Based on this, I contacted Andrew Walter at the Diocese and we discussed various areas in which we could get financial relief.
- Worked with Bobbi and Fr. Chris to establish the Parish budget for 2021.

It was supposed to be such a nice, easy job.
Respectfully Submitted Greg Penk

Junior Warden's Report

What a year.

- High humidity. Starting in 2018 highest rainfall in a long time. Average is 43 inches, (2018- 66.28") (2019- 42.34") (2020- 57.34") (2003 was the last time we even over 50", (60.83")) –
- Mold inspection. Mildew but no dangerous mold found.
- Remediation, - cleaning professionally done top to bottom, crawl space waterproofed.
- Replaced old HVAC systems. They were NOT pulling water from the air.
- Repainting church from the Altar to the bell tower.
- 13 or 20 March, 2021 church yard cleanup day.

Keith Owens, Retired, mostly

Treasurer's Report and Endowment Report

Brad Reeves reviewed the Profit/Loss for 2020 and discussed the endowments and their current value.

Presentation of 2021 Vestry Candidates

John Deatrack, Paul Nelson, and Lynne Redmond presented for a 3-year term on Vestry. Motion carried.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members

John Harhai, Robert Opperman and Greg Penk (Vestry) Julie Burch (Registrar)

2021 Diocesan Convention Report

On January 30 at 9:00 a.m. the 126 Diocesan Convention kicked off online. The Bishops Marianne and Chilton presided over the event. The morning started with prayer and song and consisted of introducing new clergy along with saying goodbye to those leaving. We then voted on committee members, supplemental rule changes, and consent agenda. Next the health and vitality of the parishes was discussed. A treasury report was then given, and the 2021 budget was approved by 96.4% of those voting. After lunch we heard a report on constitution and canon and voted on 4 resolutions that all passed. A vote was then taken to approve the merger of Church of the Ascension and St. George's Church to become Resurrection Parish (Ascension and St. George's Churches), and the merger was approved. The final vote was to hold next years convention on January 29, 2022. Then at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Marianne adjourned with prayer and song. I conclude that the convention was a success and the online format would be a good alternative to in person if and when necessary,
Donnie Morgan, Episcopalian at large

2022 Diocesan Convention Delegate

Motion carried for Donnie Morgan Delegate and Greg Penk Alternate Delegate for a one-year term.

New Business/ Q & A

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Julie Burch