

Annual Report
All Angels By the Sea Episcopal Church
February 20, 2022



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Approve Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting

Reports/Budget

 Treasurer - ratification of budget

 Ministry Leaders

Elections

 Vestry - 3 open positions, class of 2024

 Barbara Pickrell (completed one term)

 Cade Sibley (first term)

 Ginny Upshaw (first term)

 Diocesan Convention Delegates (elect 3, 1 alternate)

 BJ Bishop

 Ed Ortiz

 Cathie Wilt

 Alternate — open

Presentations

 Rev. Dave Marshall - Rector

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

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CLERGY

The Rev. David J. Marshall
Rector
The Rev. Maggie Gat
The Rev. Fred Emrich

VESTRY

Class of 2021

Laurel Vaughn (Second Term)
Elaine Smith (Second Term)
Barbara Pickrell (First Term)

Class of 2022

Ed Ortiz (First Term)
Jerry Bowles (First Term)
Larry Elder (First Term)

Class of 2023

Sandy Wood (Second Term)
Cathie Wilt (Second Term)
Hank Kochan (First Term)

STAFF

Linn Torres - Administrative Assistant
Maria Love - Graphic Designer
Dale Hooey - Organist/Choir Director

All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting
February 21, 2021

The meeting began at 11:30 AM with an opening prayer by Rev. Maggie Gat.

Fr Dave noted a quorum was present comprising those seated in the church and those watching on Zoom and YouTube. He remarked that voting can occur by a voice vote and also by those streaming live on Zoom with an icon. Written materials pertaining to the Annual Report were previously made available.

Fr Dave asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous year's annual meeting on Feb. 9, 2020 and they were approved unanimously. (Note: The spelling of Joan Sherry's name had a typo in paragraph 7.)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sandy Wood, who addressed some of the salient line items in the proposed budget for 2021. She remarked the generous pledging has brought our funds up to amounts sufficient to meet most of our expenses, and that expenses have been lowered \$10,000 from last year. Due to this happy fact a significant amount was transferred to our maintenance reserve. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made, seconded and approved unanimously. She invited anyone with questions to contact her.

Fr Dave then discussed vestry vacancies and the names of persons nominated to fill them. Cathie Wilt and Sandy Wood agreed to serve a second term. Bob Erker will be coming off the vestry and Hank Kochan will come on for that spot. An existing vacancy will be filled by Barbara Pickrell. A motion to approve these nominations was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Delegates to the next diocesan convention in Oct. were then discussed. Fr Dave suggested that the same people as last year: Joan Sperry, Scott Wuesthoff and Bob Erker be chosen with Carol Erker as alternate. Motion was made to accept the delegates, then seconded and approved unanimously.

The Rector's presentation focused on the challenges presented this past year due to the virus and praised the congregation for its fortitude in helping him to 'steer the ship ' and bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the church. His written presentation suggested ways for small discussion groups to meet in person but noted our tradition of fellowship is still a ways off. He thanked the outgoing Sr Warden for all the dedicated hours of service and will present Bob with a small gift relating to his golf game. Fr Dave announced his choice of Cathie Wilt as the new Sr Warden and mentioned the vestry meeting this week will choose other officers. He thanked the supply clergy Rev. Maggie and Fr Fred, music director Dale Hooey, lectors Ginger Shipp and Christi Marshall, and his sons Ethan and Elijah for their continued help with Sunday services. Ushers are badly needed to volunteer their assistance.

Fr Marshall led us in a closing prayer.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Vaughn, Secretary to the Vestry

Treasurer's Reports 2021

Your investment in All Angels at work –

In 2021 the Vestry recognized that the property had reached a point where major maintenance was required. The accessibility project was completed on budget, paid for by the Legacy/Endowment Fund. It provided new paving, railings and ramps to allow all levels of mobility welcome access. A new Sanctuary roof was completed in addition to:

- Stucco repair
- Water damage repair and exterior painting
- Ceiling paint and stain removal
- Air conditioner repair
- New landscape plantings and a hurricane cut for the trees

We have welcomed a fabulous new Allen organ thanks to very generous contributions of from many. The instrument is all we hoped for and will be for many decades.

Investment in technology means that we are now reaching a very geographically spread-out community. It means we can be together without being together.

By 2021 year end, thankfully, operating income was greater than expenses. The Vestry opted to use the excess to replenish the Maintenance Reserve in order to support future repairs and replacements.

Your kind contributions for relief and community needs were guided by the outreach commission.

2022 Going Forward

The 2022 operating budget is almost \$348,000. Most of the expected spending is non-discretionary. Costs for utilities, insurance and services have increased. The Vestry feels that it is important to provide cost of living increases for staff as well.

The budget and Treasurer's reports are posted in the parish hall and additional requests for financial information are always welcome.

To speak to the Treasurer, please Email Treasurer@allangelsLBK.org or contact the office for an appointment.

The Vestry, staff and those with spending and/or financial reporting authority are committed to being thoughtful and careful stewards of All Angels' funds.

Sandy Wood, Treasurer

** Financials for 2021 are available upon request. **

Outreach Commission 2021

Mission Statement

The parishioners of All Angels by the Sea affirm our commitment to “do good and share what we have” (Hebrews 13:16) with those in need. By putting our faith into practice, we confirm that giving transforms lives - not only the lives touched by our gifts but our own lives as well. Finally, we seek to be known as a giving/caring church.

Our Little Roses - is a ministry in support of at risk girls in Honduras that provides residential, educational, medical and dental health. Proceeds from the 2021 New to You Art Sale in the amount of \$1,125 were sent to benefit this program.

Family Promise of Sarasota - has a program called “Home for Good” which helps to keep families in their homes whenever possible. Our gift of \$1,000 was matched by their national organization. Family Promise of Sarasota - was the recipient of donated gas and grocery gift cards, totaling approximately \$1,000. These gift cards are given to clients as needed.

All Faiths Food Bank - ECW gave \$1,000 for Thanksgiving meals.

Manatee Food Bank - was given 28 packages for diapers in sizes 5 and 6 thanks to your kind donations.

Manatee Food Bank - a collection of food items that are placed in the food bin in the narthex at church are donated on an ongoing basis.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of Outreach at All Angels.

Mike Clay
The Rev Maggie Gat
Katzy Nager
Elaine Smith
Graham Toft

ECW Annual Report 2021

Although ECW did not have any in-person meetings in 2021 due to continuing COVID precautions, we were able to send checks to several organizations from monies remaining in the account.

Agape Flights - hurricane relief in Haiti \$2,000

Resurrection House - \$2,000

All Faiths Food Bank - Thanksgiving Dinners \$1,000

In addition to monetary donations a successful Diaper Drive was held before Christmas in aid of Manatee Food Bank.

ECW is currently in transition. A small group met last summer with an interest to continue the group in a new format. Please contact Pam Elder, Katzy Nager, Heidi Thomas, Carolyn Judd, Daphne Walker or myself with your ideas.

Submitted by Alison Jones

On behalf of ECW

Stewardship 2021

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign kicked off on January 21st and was completed on February 14th. Our theme was *What Church Means to Me*. Each Sunday during the Campaign, we had a presenter share with us the importance of church in their life and why they feel the need to support All Angels.

Due to the hard work of both Fr. Dave and our Treasurer, Sandy Wood, we were able to return our pledge card in several ways: electronically through Tidings or Realm, in-person, the US mail, an email to Sandy Wood, or a call to the office.

Thanks to the generous support of all of our parishioners, we achieved our financial goal, which allows us to support the many programs of our church.

Cathie Wilt

Jerry Bowles

Stewardship Committee

Altar Guild 2021

The duties of the Altar Guild include setting up the Altar for each Sunday as well as special occasions such as Memorial Services, Baptisms, Weddings, Lent and the biggest for Advent. During the winter season we have two services (8 and 10 o'clock). In the summer there is only one service.

Guild members are trained by a member of the Guild. Each member is given a handbook of their own to follow. Our current members are Catharine Burke, Barbara DeHart, Gloria Detwiler, Beverley Henry, Bev Joutras, Katzy Nager, Jane Perin, Ginny Upshaw, Daphne Walker, Judy Reed and Eve Wickwire.

Chairman: Jan Webb

Flower Committee 2021

We transitioned back from 'permanent botanicals' to fresh flowers, as happily services were in person again. Fresh flowers add so much to the worship service, and people were once again able to donate them for remembrance or celebration.

We had a very talented group of arrangers, and some others who helped with the decorating for Christmas, Easter, etc. The Committee consisted of Catharine Burke, Gloria Detwiler, Pam Elder, Diana Emrich, Beverly Henry, Lynn Marentette, Katzy Nager, Carolyne Starek, Heidi Thomas, Pam Toft, Daphne Walker, and Sandy Wood.

Katzy Nager was in charge of scheduling the arrangers.

Report of the Organist/Music Director, 2021

2021 was certainly a year of change which included a new organ. The new Allen organ has been quite a lift for the congregation and the choir.

Music in the Park is an organ concert most Thursday's after choir practice. Themes this year have included hymns for comfort, patriotic hymns, and various concerts have celebrated composers throughout the centuries. Many thanks to our lectors who introduce the weekly performance and guide the listeners to have a better understanding of the hymns.

The choir has had a share of new singers as well as those who have been with us for many years. A few more snowbirds are due to arrive in the near future.

Handbell Choir. We would like to bring Handbell Choir rehearsals sometime in late February. There are a few signed up already; eight are needed to play hymns. If you are interested in playing handbells please contact Dale. No experience needed, reading music is a plus but not necessary. 941 896 5541 or dhooley@verizon.net

Wardens' Annual Report 2021

Due to all that was accomplished during 2019 and 2020 with both the maintenance and improvement of our physical plant, as well as the installation of a state-of-the-art audio-visual system, All Angels was well positioned to continue both physical and remote worshipping during 2021. As individuals became vaccinated, our in-person attendance continued to grow, and we were able to move towards "normalcy" by having ushers and a choir during church services and holding coffee hours and book study and discussion groups in the church.

In January and February we held a successful Stewardship campaign, as well as a \$25,000 matching gift campaign for the purchase of our new organ. The new outdoor railings were installed in February, which allowed us to open the terrace and front entrance ramps, allowing easy wheel chair access to our church. Our first *New to You Art Sale* was held in February. Linn Torres cataloged, priced, hung, and sold all the donated art. The response to the sale was so positive that All Angels will hold another in February 2022, with organizing and planning beginning in November.

Unfortunately, our flat roof over the parish hall and gallery developed a leak. Additionally, dark spots appeared on the ceiling in the sanctuary and grew in size and darkness over time. With repair work on the flat roof, as well as regular gutter cleaning and debris removal from the roof, further leaking should be eliminated. The spots on the sanctuary ceiling were mold. It was determined by testing that the mold originated from inside the sanctuary rather than from a leak in the roof. A mold remediation company was hired to remove the mold. The ceiling was repaired and painted. Ceiling fans will be installed to eliminate moisture build-up, which caused the mold.

Over the year the vestry members have been taking online and Zoom training courses required by the Diocese. These courses are Safeguarding God's Children and Dismantling Racism. Additionally, we conducted a Mutual Ministry Review, which allowed us to clarify our objectives for the year and consider how best to make changes that would lead to a more meaningful ministry. 2021 goals set by the Vestry as a result of the review were: re-start all in-person activities, as permitted by the Bishop, to include outreach, ECW meetings, fellowship, discussion groups, and educational meetings; resurrect our Legacy Program; enhance our Music Program by hiring outside performers; and resume in-home visits, including communion, by our Eucharistic Visitors.

It is with sadness we say goodbye to two of our Vestry members, Laurel Vaughn and Elaine Smith, who have termed out. Their contributions to our Vestry, as well as the ministry of All Angels is incalculable. It has been an honor and privilege to work with them both.

Cathie Wilt, Senior Warden and Ed Ortiz, Junior Warden

Rector's Report for the Annual Meeting

Flexibility and adaptation have been the themes for 2021 at All Angels. We have taken what God has given us and with flexibility and adaptation, we are emerging from the pandemic as a church who has both changed and remained the same. We have restarted Coffee Hour, in-person meetings, Outreach, and, in a couple of weeks, we will have our first ECW gathering. The leadership team I have been blessed with has navigated the church through turbulent and changing waters and times. I am proud of all who I have the pleasure to serve and lead with and I am excited about this new year and for the years ahead.

One significant area of focus for this year will be on what I'd like to call Caring Angels. Borrowing from Rick Machemer's address to the congregation about the caring church, one of the most special things about All Angels is how we care for one another. The times of fellowship, discussion groups, choir, the altar and flower guilds, outreach; our small groups; show care for one another. This is a rather informal network of care that I would like to see become more formalized and expanded. For instance, we now know how vulnerable each one of us to getting sick. If I got sick, Christi is there to help me and to call others for help. However, we have many parishioners who live alone. What happens if they get sick? Who is there to care for them?

In a previous parish – which happened to be the youngest-by-age congregation in the diocese – I had five housekeys in the safe with instructions on what to do if our parishioner did not return calls or answer the door. The instructions listed family member, names, phone numbers, and what to tell them if the time arose where the key had to be used. We have the ability at All Angels to do the same – to hold instructions for parishioners that includes family members to call if necessary. The instructions would list pets, with names, and what to do with them.

Caring Angels would also be a network of parishioners to talk to about a variety of issues including how to find in-home nursing care and how to deal with grief and isolation. I envision having a Caring Angels picnic at the Bay Isles Beach Club at least twice a year for fellowship, support, and for the sharing of wisdom. I have learned that widows and widowers handle grief differently. It would make sense that the formalized structure of Caring Angels would therefore start through the Men's Discussion Group and ECW until the structure was built and operational so as to stand on its own.

Jesus, who would stop what he was doing to give attention to a widow, lived into the vision given by Moses – the Lord cares deeply for the orphan and the widow (Dt 10:18). The Letter of James states that true religion is to care for widows and orphans in their distress. (1:27) Caring Angels would be a support network to practice this true religion; or, religion in its truest sense. This is the vision I have for All Angels in 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for calling me to be your Rector. I give thanks for you, and our special church, every day.

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Our Mission is to bring the Living Christ
to those within and outside the church.

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