

ANGLICAN PARISH OF SALT SPRING ISLAND

Annual General Meeting of the Vestry

Sunday, February 16th 2025

MINUTES

1. Opening procedures, 11:43am – The Rev. Paul Schumacher & Ruth Seltner

This Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Vestry was held in person in the sanctuary of All Saints by-the-Sea.

Quorum – as per Canon Regulation 6.7.01(f):

- f. In parishes with 200 or fewer electors, the quorum for transacting any business at an annual or special meeting of parishioners shall be:
 - i. the incumbent, or, if the incumbency is vacant or the incumbent is absent for any cause, the priest or deacon in charge, if any,
 - ii. at least one churchwarden or deputy warden, and
 - iii. not fewer than ten of the electors of the parish, present in person or by proxy.

And a “parishioner” is defined in the Canons as follows:

“Parishioner” is any baptized person who shall have been in regular attendance at a church of the Diocese for a period of not less than three months.

Attendance was recorded by a sign-in sheet: **36 people** were in attendance including the Interim Priest and 2 churchwardens (+ 1 Deputy Warden), and thus a quorum was achieved.

2. Notice of Chair – Ruth Seltner, Bishop’s Warden

As per Canon Regulation 6.7 (c)

- c. The incumbent or nominee shall be the chair of the meeting. If the incumbency is vacant, or if the incumbent is absent for any cause, the meeting shall elect one of the churchwardens as chair.

The Interim Priest In Charge, The Rev Paul Schumacher, as chair, opened the meeting with prayer at 11:56am, notice of the meeting having been duly given over the past 2 weeks, according to **Regulation 6.7.01(d)**.

- d. Notice of every such meeting must be given in writing or printing, signed by the convener, and posted up conspicuously at or near the church door, at least ten days before the day on which the meeting is to be held. The notice must state the time and place at which, and the purpose for which, the meeting is to be held; and shall be in the following form:

"Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held on the ____day of ____ at ____ o'clock, in the _____ for the purpose of _____."

Similar notice shall also be given during divine service in the church on the two Sundays preceding the meeting.

3. Election of Secretary of Vestry

MOVED: Gloria McEachern

SECONDED: Simon Wheeler

THAT our Parish Administrator, Joe Egan, be elected as Secretary of this Vestry.

DISCUSSION – None

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED: Gloria McEachern

SECONDED: Simon Wheeler

THAT the draft Agenda be accepted as circulated.

DISCUSSION – NONE

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of the Vestry of February 18th, 2024

MOVED: Walter Stewart

SECONDED: Ron Dyck

THAT the minutes of the 2024 AGM of the Vestry be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Interim Incumbent Priest's address & report to the Vestry: Paul Schumacher

**ref. attached....*

7. Special Presentation – Thank you!

- Warden Ruth Seltner wishes express extreme gratitude and present gift of a white rose to the following...
 - Lolla Devindisch for her tireless & dedicated work as lead of Music Makers—
 - Lolla wishes to include Anka and Sarah M., Debbi and David

- Carolyn Evans for her careful and diligent work as Envelope Secretary for fourteen years of service
- Lynne Schumacher
- Simon, Gloria and Sally as Deputy Wardens
- All members of the Building & Maintenance Committee ...
- Lynne Fraser for her continued dedicated leadership of Safe Church
- Walter on behalf of Lay Ministers of the Parish
- Parish members suggested that Ruth should also except a white rose as a small gift of gratitude

8. Reception of 2024 Annual Reports published and circulated

MOVED: Elizabeth Van Akker

SECONDED: Lynne Fraser

THAT the 2024 Annual Report, excluding the preliminary financial statement for 2024 and the budget for 2025, be accepted.

DISCUSSION – None

APPROVED

9. Presentation of 2024 Financial Statements:

(a) Financial Statements as prepared by our Treasurer February 12, 2025 to be accepted and presented to the Reviewer.

- As Andrew Peat, Treasurer, was absent, Bishop's Warden Ruth Seltner, on behalf of the Parish Executive, presented the 2024 Financial Statements.

**ref. attached Financial Report....*

NOTES:

- Margeret Mather and Margaret Spencer bequest will be spent this year (2025)
- 2024 financial year ended with a small deficit of \$2,976

MOVED: Gloria McEachern

SECONDED: Simon Wheeler

THAT the 2024 Financial Statements dated February 12, 2025, be accepted as presented and passed on to the Reviewer for review.

DISCUSSION: Q. – pg. 10, \$104,000: what makes up those Misc. expenditures?

A. – this is an accounting of the Mather bequest that was accrued as In-Kind and transferred to General Funds when it was designated as 1/3 St. Mark's, 1/3 St. Mary's, and 1/3 St. Mark's.

- St. Mary's allocation was spent on acquisition of a Heat Pump, expanded electrical capacity and a new water tank to secure a water tank as the well is too close to the cemetery.
- Walter commented on the challenges of applying stipulations to bequests – Rev. Paul followed-up by suggesting that if a bequest is not specific to the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island this parish will not have access to that bequest as it will be directed to the named beneficiary.
- Elizabeth Van Akker inquired about the Cree Shaw bequest (\$200,000) which was to be applied equally across All Saints, St. Mary's and St. Mark's – the residual beneficiary of this bequest agreed in 2020 to redirect all monies slated for St. Mark's to be applied generally to Salt Spring parish.

CARRIED

(b) Election of Reviewer of 2024 Financial Statements –

- Bill Slade from the Baptist Church

MOVED: Lolla Devindisch

SECONDED: Ida Marie Threadkell

In accordance with Canon 6.10(c):

- c. The churchwardens' accounts shall be examined each year by a qualified person or persons, other than a member of the parish council, elected at the previous annual vestry meeting, and the examiner's report on the accounts shall be presented to the annual meeting of parishioners.

MOVED: *N/A acclaimed*

SECONDED: *N/A*

THAT barring Bill Slade's refusal this is approved...

DISCUSSION – None

APPROVED

The Reviewer of budget will be discussed by the Parish Council

10. Presentation of 2025 budget: Bishop's Warden Ruth Seltner on behalf of our Treasurer

- Parish Council, at their meeting of February 9th 2025, recommended that the budget as circulated in the 2025 Annual Report be presented now to Vestry for approval.

MOVED: Gloria McEachern

SECONDED: Simon Wheeler

THAT the 2025 Annual Budget be accepted as presented and recommended by Parish Council at

their February 9, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Marjie Radford notes that the \$1,000 revenue budgeted for “money raising” revenue was too low – Ron clarified that because of uncertainty surrounding Tea A’ Tempo the Treasurer was usually conservative in budget expectations.
- Carles Roch-Cunill inquired about the decrease in the parish Assessment year-over-year and Ruth explained that now that two bequests have been spent down this will be reflected in our Assessment for next year (2026).
- Rev. Paul noted that if bequests are allocated to a Parish’s Consolidated Trust Fund account, where interest can be generated, and the Diocese will not place an apportionment fee on those monies.
- Ruth Pepin inquired about how the Assessment is calculated by the Diocese...
- Ruth Seltner noted that the \$17,000 deficit is a reflection of a successful Stewardship campaign – but a small deficit such as this is not a bad thing and certainly not something that can’t be overcome.

APPROVED

11. Appointment of Incumbent’s Churchwarden

- Ruth Seltner is appointed Bishop’s Warden until such time as the new Incumbent is settled in their role and appoints a Rector’s Warden
- Simon Wheeler is appointed Deputy Bishop’s Warden as above...

12. Election of People’s Warden

CANON 6.8 - APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

- a. In every parish there shall be two churchwardens selected from the communicants, one to be appointed by the incumbent and one to be elected by the electors; provided that, if the incumbent declares a desire to waive the incumbent’s right of appointment, both the churchwardens shall be elected by the electors.

The chair noted that Gloria is willing to stand as “People’s Warden”. Should there be no further nominations from the floor, therefore the following motion:

- Gloria McEachern was nominated by Ruth as Deputy People’s Warden

MOVED: Lynne Fraser

SECOND: Lolla Devindisch

THAT Gloria McEachern be acclaimed as People’s Warden for 2025.

DISCUSSION – None

CARRIED

13. Election of Lay Synod Delegates – Canons (from 1881) were updated last year!

The chair noted that the following parishioners expressed willingness to be “Lay Synod Delegates” – therefore the following motion:

MOVED: Judy Tyson

SECOND: Ron Dyck

THAT Ron Dyck and Simon Wheeler be elected as Lay Delegates to Synod.

DISCUSSION – None

APPROVED

14. Election of Alternate Lay Delegates to Synod

The chair noted that the following parishioners expressed willingness to be “Alternate Lay Synod Delegates” – therefore the following motion:

MOVED: Ron Dyck

SECOND: Lolla Devindisch

THAT Carles Roch-Cunill be elected as Alternate Lay Synod Delegate.

DISCUSSION – None

APPROVED

15. Election of Members at Large to Parish Council

MOVED: Elizabeth Van Akker

SECONDED: Dale Storm

That the following 6 parishioners have agreed to positions on Parish Council this year as Members at Large.

For their first year on Parish Council:

1. Deb Smith
2. Dovenne Steele

For a 2nd year on Parish Council:

1. Gloria McEachern
2. Ida Marie Threadkell

Those initially committed to 3-year assignments and continue on:

3. Ron Dyck
4. Wardens
5. Ex-Officio Andrew Peat as Treasurer

With no further nomination from the floor.

DISCUSSION – None

APPROVED

16. 2025 signing officers (Churchwardens and Treasurer) Ruth Seltner, Andrew Peat, Simon Wheeler and Gloria McEachern – as well as new Incumbent (Rev. Julie Mallet)

Signing officers are to be assigned in accordance with Canon 6.10:

CANON 6.10 - PARISH FINANCES

- a. All monies received by the parish from any source or for any purpose shall be promptly deposited in a chartered bank, credit union, or trust company authorized to do business in the Province of British Columbia, and cheques drawn on the account or accounts shall be signed by any two of the following:
 - (1) The incumbent,
 - (2) The rector's warden,
 - (3) The people's warden,
 - (4) The treasurer or assistant treasurer, if any,
 - (5) Any others authorized by parish council.

MOVED: Marjie Radford

SECONDED: Lynda Turner

THAT the signing officers for 2025 for the parish accounts be any two of:

- Incumbent Priest (Rev. Julie Mallet should be noted that Juli is appointed incumbent as of March 1, 2025.)
- The Bishop's warden (Ruth Seltner)
- Deputy Warden (Simon Wheeler)
- The People's warden (Gloria McEachern)
- The Treasurer (Andrew Peat)

APPROVED

DISCUSSION: Gloria notes that Island Savings is more diligent monitoring of Signatories compared to ICBC in her experience. Walter disagrees.

18. New Business: N/A

- Bishop Anna will officiate at Feb 23 service to announce the new parish Incumbent.

19. Interim Priest's Appreciations — Rev. Paul Schumacher

- The Wardens (Ruth, Sally, Simon and Gloria)
- Joe Egan, Administrator
- All members of Parish Council
- Treasurer, Andrew Peat
- Music Director, David Storm
- Deb Toole & Deb Smith, John M and Simon M for the musical contributions
- Pastoral Care team (Bridget Metzger, Noreen Davies and Dale Storm)
- Prayer Team
- Lynne Fraser – Safe Church
- Canon Pastor's role in the parish will change this year (things will be made clear)
- Flower Guild
- Altar Guild
- Servers, David and Peg Gabor – any new Servers to volunteer?
- Readers
- Prayer leaders (Don, Claire, Walter, etc.)
- Lolla for her love of dance
- Greeters...
- Tech team: Rona and Carles
- Lay Ministers (Doreen Davidson, Deb Toole, Josh Catt and Walter Stewart)
- John Metzger for guidance of Building & Maintenance—Bill Morrison, the Don's, etc.
- Darcy (?) for beautiful icons here at All Saints'
- Ron Dyck as Cemetery as Cemeteries Coordinator (+ contractor James Leslie)
- Retired Clergy: The Belknap's, Richard, Dennis, Chris, Harold, Bill and Elaina
- Bishop Anna for her thoughtful guidance
- All parishioners of Salt Spring Island
- And a special word of appreciation and gratitude to Bishop's Warden Ruth Seltner

20. Ballots: N/A

21. Closing Procedures and Adjournment

MOVED: Walter

That the meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Interim Priest In-Charge at 12:44pm.

These minutes were approved by the Interim Priest In-Charge on February 26, 2025 and will be presented for acceptance at the next Annual Meeting:

The Rev. Paul Schumacher, Interim Priest-In-Charge