

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church • Bainbridge Island, WA
September 27, 2020 Minutes of the All Parish Meeting by Zoom Teleconference

The Meeting Convened at 11:17 a.m.

1. Welcome Prayer and Zoom Information

Rev. Karen Haig led us in prayer and thanked Dale Walker for being our Zoom coordinator today. Rev. Karen explained the format of the meeting and how and when the meeting will be recorded (breakout sections are not recorded).

2. Senior Warden Remarks

Senior Warden Will Nickum acknowledged the loss and grief we are dealing with, specifically the loss of the church to share and be part of, and the loss of loved ones and time together. We are thankful for Rev. Karen and her energy and love which has brought us together as she provides spiritual guidance and care to us. Gratitude was expressed to the staff, vestry, and volunteers for all they do for us. The congregation was thanked for their contributions of time, money, and spirit which keep us moving forward.

3. Rector's Remarks

Rev. Karen thanked everyone for attending and encouraged all to stay connected with her and each other. She reminded us that the love of God and the love of this community will sustain us, and spoke about the ministries and components of what are still occurring and some new programs that will happen in the St. Barnabas community which keep us together and integrated as a loving and vibrant circle. She challenged us to rise up and be stewards of hope in the world.

4. State of The Parish Finances

Treasurer Mike Killion presented the current financial state of the parish. From an income standpoint we are slightly ahead of plan, mostly due to a quarter of members paying their pledge in the first half of the year. Expenses are down due to lack of use of the grounds, and we have positive net income as a result. We don't expect to worship in the church the rest of the year, and we expect to underspend the budget. Plate income and rental income will continue to be well under plan. The overall financial picture has been improving, and our endowment has made up lost ground. Julie Houck has tracked all PPP expenditures and we anticipate that the PPP loan will be converted into a grant. Mike expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work with the staff, vestry, and the Finance Committee.

5. Sacred Ground

Vestry Member Dave Teves talked about the Sacred Ground program beginning in October and invited people to sign up via the meeting's chat function. So far nearly fifty people have signed up to participate. Anyone interested in more information should reach out to him.

**6. Introduction of the 2021 Annual Pledge Campaign
“Celebrating Community”**

Stewardship Chair Linda Maxson introduced the theme “Celebrate Community” and led the parish in a spiritual exercise designed to help us connect our annual pledge with our spirituality.

The following questions were discussed in small groups and leaders of small groups shared their discussion points in the larger community meeting:

- What does being made in the image and likeness of God have to do with generosity?
- How can generosity be a spiritual discipline?
- How do I want to practice this discipline of generosity in my whole life/at St Barnabas?

7. Zoom Diocesan Convention

George Robertson wanted everyone to know that the annual diocesan convention takes place this coming October 23–24, and the theme is “Becoming Beloved Community.” Everyone is welcome to attend any of the workshops by registering at the diocesan website.

7. Closing Video

Rev. Jim Friedrich reminded us that although we have scattered physically, we are still one body and are staying connected. To celebrate that, he presented a joyful video he created, reminding us of the strength of this community and all we have still been able to share throughout this year. Viewers were very moved and thankful for his effort.

8. Closing Prayer

Rev. Karen closed the meeting with a prayer.

9. Meeting Adjourned, 12:53 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,
Rebecca Ditmore
St. Barnabas Vestry Clerk