



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2024

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE RECTOR, WARDENS, AND VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR IN SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Religious and Nonprofit Corporation of the State of California known as The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of The Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, California, was held on Sunday, January 28, 2024, in the Historic Sanctuary of The Church of Our Saviour, 535 Roses Road, San Gabriel, California, pursuant to the call of the Clerk, notice of the meeting having been given in accordance with the Bylaws. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Jeffrey Thornberg, Rector. Patricia Beith, Vestry Clerk, was appointed to record the minutes.

1. Following the confirmation of a quorum by the Vestry Clerk, Patricia Beith, Rector Jeffrey Thornberg called the 156th meeting of the Church of Our Saviour to order at 9:15 am
2. **Motion** made by Paul Kilian and seconded by Cheryl Townsend to appoint Patricia Beith as Clerk for the recording of the minutes of the Annual Meeting – motion approved
3. **Motion** made by Juli Kennedy and seconded by Cheryl Townsend to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes as presented – motion approved
4. Virginia Barger introduced the Vestry candidates for 2024
 - a. Sara Dooley
 - b. Ann Seitz
 - c. Esther SiuFollowing a call for nominations from the floor, of which there were none, the Nomination Slate presented by the Nominating Committee was approved by an acclamation vote
5. Rector Jeff Thornberg thanked John Vandercook and the outgoing Vestry members for their work as Vestry members and the support they provided to his ministry
6. Kit Shenk was appointed Senior Warden
7. Rector's Address (highlights) – The Rev. Jeff D. S. Thornberg
 - a. We are working on growth and renewal
 - b. The Holy Spirit is moving within the community through John Vandercook, Kit Shenk, David Waller plus the excellent staff and the many COS ministries
 - c. It is important to celebrate the progress of our accomplishments We are grateful for the generosity of the congregation
 - d. COS has had its share of catastrophe but has always come back stronger
 - e. Thank you to Bob Crocker, Hannah Riley, Paul Kilian, the Rev. Tim Hartley, and Rose Gonzalez
 - f. Under the leadership of Lucero San Lucas, A Child's Garden School is making progress
 - g. The Chinese ministry continues to grow and strengthen our community
 - h. Our Saviour Center is financially independent of COS and continues to support the community of El Monte
 - i. Father Reese Riley has made a place for himself among us and continues to serve as one of our clergy
 - j. The Rev. Marilyn Omernick is taking an active role in our clergy activities
 - k. Deacon Bill Doulos will always have a home at COS
 - l. Hurt people hurt people and healed people heal people; a healed community heals the world. Our hope is that we continue to grow by listening first and speaking second to communicate the love, grace and mercy God has given us

8. Senior Warden Report (highlights) – John Vandercook
 - a. COS is a healthy and happy community
 - b. Father Jeff has guided us through many problems
 - c. Stewardship has led to a healthier budget
9. Treasurer’s Report (highlights) – David Waller
 - a. Thank you to the Finance Committee for their guidance and support in preparing the 2024 budget
 - b. The budget is realistic and transparent based on the expected income COS will receive for 2024
 - c. Thank you John Balance, Anh Nguyen, and Vera Hoalim for their assistance in developing the budget
 - d. A forum to discuss the 2024 budget in detail is scheduled April 7, 2024
10. Junior Warden’s Report (highlights) – Kit Shenk
 - a. The community continues to share our faith through the many wonderful programs throughout the year. Highlights were the Li Tim Oi celebrations, Sages’ luncheons, a variety of forum presentations, and Bible studies
 - b. I have enjoyed and valued the many conversations we have had throughout the year at gatherings and coffee time
11. Gratitude and Recognition/New Business – The Rev. Jeff D. S. Thornberg
 - a. Outgoing Vestry members
 - b. Audio team
 - c. Li Tim Oi team and committee
 - d. Choir under the leadership of Bob Crocker
 - e. Altar Guild under the leadership of Patti Beith
 - f. Stewardship Committee under the leadership of Rose Gonzalez
 - g. Music Committee under the leadership of Paul Kilian
 - h. Nominating Committee under the leadership of Charlotte Van Fleet
 - i. Office volunteers Esther Siu and Francie Cassidy
 - j. OSC discernment committee
 - k. Joanna Cory, our Verger
 - l. Charity Xia for all she does within the community.
 - m. John Ballance for all he does within the community
 - n. Jonathan Burke for his leadership with our liturgy
 - o. Russ Case for his service as Chief Usher.
 - p. Rex Botengan for his role as Hospitality Chair
 - q. Mary Kingman
 - r. Ann Seitz
 - s. Vic May
 - t. Joanna Kinsley for book sales to support our music program
 - u. Will Dumain
 - v. Georgie Erskine and Betty Duker for the stained-glass window book
 - w. Carrie Voris
 - x. Von Vine
 - y. The parish members who work with the ESL Program for our Chinese members
 - z. Peggy O’Leary
 - aa. Rev Annie Thornberg for her work with the children/youth ministry
12. **Motion** was made by John Vandercook and seconded by Dennis Duling to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 am – motion approved

Respectively submitted by
Patricia A. Beith
Vestry Clerk of Church of Our Saviour