



CHURCH OF  
OUR SAVIOUR  
圣公会救主堂

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

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 Non-Profit 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, February 14, 2021 via webinar from the Church of Our Saviour Church, 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 Rev. Jeffrey Thornberg, Rector. Patricia Beith, Vestry Clerk, was appointed to record the minutes.

## 1. Call to Order

Rev. Jeff Thornberg, Rector, announced the quorum requirement had been met and called the 154th meeting of the Church of Our Saviour to order at 1:06 pm.

## 2. Announcements

- a. The meeting is being recorded and will available on the COS website for review
- b. Father Jeff has developed video explaining Shrove Tuesday available on the COS website at 6:00pm
- c. Ash Wednesday Services as follows:
  - a. 7:00am - Morning Prayer (service outdoors)
  - b. 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (service outdoors and live stream)
  - c. 7:00pm – Holy Eucharist (live stream only)
- d. Juli Kennedy is developing a Lenten Daily Prayer group – all members of the congregation will be prayed for daily by other members of the church
- e. Father Jeff will lead a Lenten Book Study using the book Christ & Culture starting Wednesday February 24, 2021

3. **Motion** made and seconded to approve the February 23, 2020, Annual Meeting Minutes as present – motion passed

4. Motion made and seconded to elect the Vestry Members selected for the 2021-2022 Class by acclamation – motion passed. The Vestry Class of 2021-2022 are:

Carolyn "Cece" V. Horne  
Paul Kilian  
Meda Kim  
Samantha Sun  
David Waller

5. Motion made and seconded to appoint Eric Miller as Senior Warden – motion passed

6. Senior Warden's Address given by Eric Miller

7. Rector's Address given by Father Jeffry Thornberg with the theme of "To follow not wander in our interactions with God" (full address available on COS website)

8. Treasurer's Report given by Will Dumain, COS Treasurer

a. A full Financial Report will be presented via webinar on Sunday March 14, 2021– all members of the congregation are welcome to join the meeting

b. The Vestry and Finance Committee have worked very hard to keep within the five-year Financial Plan and have been successful

c. For the first time in several years the Endowment fund has increased

d. The Church is debt free

9. Highlights of 2020 – Father Jeff

a. 2020 pledges were greater budgeted – thank you to all

b. An amorous donor gave \$ 250,000 to the church for use as needed

c. Yuhadhi Sundaramoorthy obtained a PPP small business loan/gift for the COS

d. Our Saviour Center completed the sale of the medical clinic but the new medical team is renting space at the center to enable onsite medical services

e. Our Saviour Center has paid off all their debts

f. The Rectory repairs expenses incurred have been paid

g. COS debt to A Child's Garden School has been paid

h. Transitional Housing has paid off all the mortgages of the four houses and received a grant to do needed repairs

10. COS Goals for 2021 – Father Jeff

a. a collective vision – discernment of where God is leading us

b. role clarity – how do we fit into God's goal

c. Stewardship – funding to reach the goal

11. A Child's Garden School – Rose Sevgiyan

- a. School reopened September 2020 with a smaller enrollment but providing the same level of education and activities
- b. There has been no Covid-19 among the teachers and student
- c. Staffing levels have been decreased until there are more students

12. Our Saviour Center – Jane Fall, Director

- a. Appreciates the support of COS in time, talent and gifts
- b. OSC has strengthened their community partnerships
- c. Have developed corporate partnerships which helps the community and center

13. Transitional Housing – Bill Dulous

- a. There have been two enemies this year for residents – addiction and the pandemic
- b. Transitional Housing has been successful spiritual and financially
- c. There have been a few cases of Covid-19 among residents and staff but all have recovered
- d. Jubilee Homes have not been able to do the normal weekly, monthly and yearly socialization for residents but the planned socialization in the homes have made the relationship within the homes stronger during the pandemic

14. Community of Divine Love - Sister Greta and Brother Dennis

- a. The pandemic has provided a time for healing and the ability to feel God's presence in the quiet
- b. Brother Dennis has been able to go deeper with his own personal reflections and faith
- c. Faith will allow us to go into freedom to love ourselves, others and God

15. Church of our Saviour Mandarin Ministry – Father Thomas Ni and Katherine Feng

- a. 2020 started off well with a trip to San Diego and the annual Chinese New Year Celebration
- b. The pandemic resulted in many changes for the Mandarin congregation – they formed a recording team to stream the services online; have expanded services into We Chat to reach more people; have started several daily prayer groups, Bible studies, English classes; the lay leadership team contacts each member weekly

16. Adult Forum – Kit Shenk

- a. The programs provided by the Community of Divine Love continue via zoom
- b. EFM continues under the leadership of Juli Kennedy and Kari Stewart and will have graduation this summer
- c. A C.S. Lewis Book Group under the leadership of Nancy Ballance meets regularly

- d. Journey in Joy Bible Studies led by Kit Shenk continues to meet via zoom
- e. Adult Forum continues to meet on Sundays with programs that have faith formation studies, updates from COS outreach programs, and sharing our stories
- f. Juli Kennedy will be leading the Lenten faith series

16. Communication Committee – Hannah Riley and Gabe Vazquez-Reyes

- a. Hannah provided a short history of the COS communication system and the changes that have been made including a new web page
- b. She thanked the following members for the assistance in the new communication system Lizzy Solcum; Ed Andersen; Gabe Vazquez-Reyes; Charlotte Van Fleet; Sharon Crandall; Carrie Voris; Katherine Feng; Meredith Brucker and Father Jeff
- c. Gabe has been busy providing online streaming services for Church services which has been a learning and growing experience for him
- d. Thank you to the Altar Guild for their flexibility necessary to film at times other than Sunday
- e. Thank you to Kathy, Von and Kevin Vine for their advice and installation of the new lines necessary for the streaming

17. Music Ministry – Taylor Vazquez-Reyes

- a. She has reinvented how music is intergraded in different type of COS services
- b. Taylor and Juli Kennedy is liking at the future of the COS Music Ministry using available resources and talents

18. Altar Guild – Juli Kennedy

- a. The goal of the Altar Guild is to make the church as normal as possible including the high holidays of Christmas and Easter
- b. The guild is arranging the flowers rather than using a Florist
- c. John Balance build a cabinet to display and storage the church's vestments
- d. the guild members are taking care of its members by regular zoom member, sending cards including a post card to all members of COS

19. Sacred/Secret Garden – Addy Voris

- a. provided a virtual tour of a small area adjacent to CDL that has space to develop for growing food, flowers for Altar Guild, outdoor learning space, private worship areas and a joint outdoor space that can be used for worship services and music concerts.
- b. Addy and a group of interest people are working developing this space for use by the COS and the neighborhood

20. Assess Mapping – Dennis Duling

a. Dennis has been asked by Father Jeff to match people and groups to assess COS resources to better manage our many talents and resources

21. What are we about as a Church – Father Jeff

Using the book “Following Jesus” Father Jeff read several ideas what a church can do within a community.

22. Junior Warden Reports

a. Katherine Feng

A summary of her work with the Vestry and COS ministries especially the Mandarin congregation; She thanked everyone who has support her and prayed for her during the pandemic and her discernment towards the priesthood.

b. Kit Shenk

Shared reflections of the congregation actions and support of COS during the pandemic

23. Reflections on Unfinished Business – Father Jeff

We haven’t done enough to .....

We have so much work yet to do and it takes courage to follow not to wander

24. Thank you – Father Jeff

Ed Andersen	Eric Miller	Rose Sevgiyan
Bill Dulos	Jane Fall	Gabe and Taylor Vazquez-Reyes
Hannah Riley	Father Thomas Ni	Jessica Jin
Vera Hoalim	Rex Botengan	Mark Goluskin
Katherine Feng	Patrick Crandall	Russ Case
John Ballance	Gloria Kilian	Ben Harrington
Kit Shenk	Juli Kennedy	Yuhadhi Sundaramoorthy
Will Dumain	Basil Johnson	Evie Escatiola

25. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the annual meeting

26. The Annual COS Meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm followed by prayer led by Father Thomas

Respectively submitted by

Patricia A. Beith

*Vestry Clerk*