

Nominee Information

Board of Directors

Introduction

This document contains information provided by the nominees for the open Board of Directors positions. The information is being provided to assist the congregation in preparation for the Voters Meeting on June 12, 2016 at 11:30 AM. We will be electing five candidates for 2-year terms.

Nominee

Michele Arnold *

Andrea Clark

Lori Gutierrez

John Van Hofwegen

Dick Lemin

Todd Yoder

*currently serving on the Board

What are the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is a governing board. Its main duty is to ensure the fulfillment of St. John's Mission and Vision. It does this by holding the Lead Pastor accountable for implementing a ministry plan that pursues the mission and vision for our church and school, and supporting him in the fulfillment of that plan. The Board of Directors also prepares and maintains a policy manual that defines the goals of the congregation, the relationship between the Board and the Lead Pastor, the limitations on the Lead Pastor, and the way in which the Board will carry out its duties. The Board members do not represent any particular group or constituency in the church. Rather, the Board acts on behalf of the entire congregation, especially as it confesses its purpose through the Mission and Vision statement.

What are the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors?

The By Laws state that Board members must be committed to the mission and vision of the congregation. Therefore the ideal board member is someone who is:

- Faithful in Worship
- Regularly in the Word: Bible Study or Small Group
- Active in service: Serving in a ministry of the congregation
- Supportive of tithing: Either tithing or working toward it.
- Strong support for the Mission and Vision
- Strong support for the new governance structure
- Able to see the big picture of the church's mission

Michele Arnold

<p>Employment/Experience Background Physical Therapist/Ergonomist – I have worked for Kaiser Permanente for the last 28 years, most recently as the Workplace Safety Manager and Vallejo Site Coordinator</p>
<p>Previous Service at St. John’s Church and School Church Council Secretary Forward in Faith Committee Constitution/By-Laws Committee Board of Directors Secretary Chairperson SJL School Accreditation Committee SJL School Advisory Team The Table Team Aaron Comfort Dog Photographer Helper Handler SJL School APT Secretary</p>
<p>How are you regularly in the Word? I read the Bible daily. I subscribe to YouVersion Bible App and read daily verses. I attend weekly bible study (relationships) Monthly meetings with Board of Directors and Team Aaron devotions</p>
<p>Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors? I have served in this capacity in the past and I enjoy the fellowship and the processes. I am a process-oriented person and serving on the BOD has allowed me to be a “keeper of the processes” on your behalf and discuss/make recommendations for improvement. St. John’s has played a very important part in my life and especially my spiritual journey. I find serving in this way is a great way for me to be able to pay it back/forward.</p>
<p>What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to make disciples in our community?</p>

What has become most important to me (especially since being privileged to be part of team Aaron) is to be a vehicle by which God does his work – particularly reaching out to the community at large and those who don't know Jesus. God moments happen all the time once you are open to seeing/hearing them.

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?
Our Day School is a mission field unto itself. It is the perfect place for those of us in the church to reach out to others and invite them to come to know Jesus.

Andrea Clark

Employment/Experience Background

My husband George and I have been members at St. John's since August 1980 and our two daughters attended St. John's pre-school through 8th grade.

I am currently employed with the City of Napa in the Housing Division for the past 19 years. I am responsible for the City's First Time Homebuyer Programs and other affordable housing programs within the City of Napa and the other four cities in the county of Napa.

Prior to working for the City, I worked as the school secretary for our day school for five years. And before working at St. John's, I was a stay at home mom and assisted my husband with his real estate appraisal company.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

St. John's Congregational Secretary and Church Council member
St. John's School Board, Secretary
St. John's Lutheran School APT, Secretary
Sunday School Teacher
Worship Prep Team Member
St. John's Choir member -20 years
St. John's Worship Band member – 16 years

How are you regularly in the Word?

Daily prayer time, reading my bible, and reading devotional books. I regularly listen to Christian music which is scripture inspired. I also listen to on-line sermons.

Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors?

I desire to serve the Lord at St. John's in a position where I can use my leadership and administrative skills. I have served in similar positions at St. John's over the years and have found it to be an opportunity to grow in my faith.

What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to make disciples in our community?

All three aspects of our mission and vision for St. John's are important.

Up: We have to encourage our members to grow closer to God by attending church regularly and have an active prayer and devotional life.

In: Developing relationships through small groups within the St. John's community is very important for the growth of our church. Showing love and support for each other is what God intended for us to do as His disciples.

Out: Sharing the God's word and sharing His love in our community and in the world, is an important part of discipleship. Our Mission Farm is great ways in which we are serving a real need to our community by providing fresh fruit and produce to those who are less fortunate. And our Day School shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ daily to the children and parents who don't know Him.

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?

Our Day School is a very important part of our mission and vision at St. John's as we are called to share God's word and love in our community. There are many children that attend our day school who are un-churched and this is the only time in their lives they are exposed to God's word. Our church and school staff have the perfect opportunity every day to share their faith, hope, and love of God to their students.

Over the years, there have been many unchurched families from our school that have become members of our church and have had their children baptized and in some cases, even the parents have been baptized.

Lori Gutierrez

Employment/Experience Background

I am currently employed as the Community Business Director at Atria Senior Living in Novato. I have been with the company for the last 5 years working in Assisted Living with seniors. It is a place that has independent, assisted living and memory care for our residents. In my job it is my responsibility to manage the business office that includes assisting the Executive Director in operations from sales to day to day operations of the business at hand. I put together all contracts for new agreements when we rent an apartment and explain all parts of the contracts to new residents and or their responsible parties and do the signings for every new move in at the community of 120 apartments and collections.

I am also responsible to keep all personnel records for the staff of 85 plus and ensure that that payroll is correct and processed every two weeks for the staff and enter corrections several times a week until the end of payroll is finished. I am accountable for all of HR and on boarding all new hires and processing them to the correct departments. I handle invoice coding and I am accountable for all end of month accounting and month end processes. I am also in a position to help support 6 other Department Directors in their roles including Maintenance Director of the property, supporting the Nurse and the Memory care Director, Sales Director. Culinary Director, Restaurant Manager and Activities Director .I also am the direct supervisor of the Front Desk Receptionist. In my first 3 years at Atria I was the Restaurant Manager for the Culinary Department and directly supervised and scheduled up to 30 employees in that department.

My previous experience that is connected to my employment has been in Restaurant Management for mostly all my life. I worked as General Manager at The Red Hen Cantina for 12 years here in Napa and then owning and operating my own restaurant business in Sonoma, Amigos Grill and Cantina with my husband Rudy for 13 years. My goal would be at some point find a comparable position working here in Napa that I can be working closer to home with no commute. I enjoy working with seniors and feel passionate about the mission of where God has placed me for now and the work I see him doing with the 120+ residents I serve and the 85 +employees that I come into contact with on a daily basis.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

My son Gabriel went to school her from preschool through 8th grade and I served on many youth projects that involved our Ministry here at ST. Johns. He is now in his 3rd

year of college at Loyola New Orleans as a history major and has been spending this year in an exchange program in Almeria Spain. Much of the time I served working in the kitchen here at St. Johns doing special events such as Easter Breakfasts and other events that required support of the church and school events. I have been certified through the program offered by the church and Ken Arnold as CERT responder. I have served on the school board and on the board of directors from the beginning of the new governance for what I believe was until I was termed out over the 8 years. I believe in the Mission of the Church and feel that it is important to keep our focus now more than ever in outreach to the community and the school children and especially their parents that are on our campus daily!

How are you regularly in the Word?

Everyday when I awake I spend about an hour reading devotions and the Bible and in prayer asking for Gods guidance in the mission field that I call work every day. I also receive Pastor Mikes Abide devotions as well and meditate on those. On most days on my commute I listen to KLove in my car and feel that helps keep my praise and focus on His word and reaches me in a different place that only music can go. Sometimes a song can come on at just the right day or time that helps me keep the focus off of myself and more in step with His plan and reminds me that I have a Father who cares what happens to me and my family and He works in my life in ways through other people I come in contact with on a daily and sometimes on an hourly basis. It is a special privilege and honor that I feel we as Christians have been given to go out into the world and proclaim His Word! I come across many people who are living out their last chapter here on earth and feel that daily I have been blessed in my work to do outreach to those people and their families. I can speak openly about my faith and hope in some way that I can make a difference before their lives end. I pray daily for the residents and staff that I work with who so freely give of their time and talents that offers what I believe is one of the highest callings in service to the Lord.

Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors?

I feel as being a previous school parent and someone who found Christ coming into St. Johns through the school and more importantly from someone whom I worked with who could not stop talking about this school and church long before I got married and had a baby that had a huge impact on my life! I have a view and a perspective that can be part of the BOD process that others may not have. I also have a strong faith in the Mission of our church and school and feel that with my background here at St. Johns being involved with the BOD in the past and involved on various call committees etc. and the school having a deep connection with the teachers.

I feel that the tireless efforts that the teachers put into their days and dedication to serve the Lord here is also a view that I would want to keep in our focus for them and heavily advocate for what they provide for the families and children here daily. The last I think may be helpful is that of my business background understanding people, hospitality, financials and seeing the big picture of the future of St. Johns and its Ministry moving forward in these challenging times. I am not afraid to ask hard questions and to be direct in my conversations when it comes to this Ministry and what is needed to support those efforts.

What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to make disciples in our community?

I believe we can do even better at working on our outreach to people whom we do not serve yet right here in our community. I believe in being open to new ideas that may not seem familiar to a lot of our members and reaching people right where they are by reaching out to them with love and compassion with no strings attached...

When I see the Comfort Dogs in action I see this as a Ministry that is doing this by reaching out to people of all ages and connecting them with us through their pain. We don't ask for anything from them and I believe God is truly working through this Ministry in ways that we as human beings cannot reach those in any other way... This is a type of Ministry that I wish to involve myself in when I can commit the time possibly when either my work has more of a balance or I find an opening here in Napa that will give me the time to get involved in that Ministry.

Outreach to the sick and the poor and the elderly is also close to my heart and I feel we could improve our focus to those groups outside of our own congregation. While this may make some uncomfortable I believe this is an important outreach.

Along the same lines I find it sad with the many opportunities we have here with our youth that we tend to lose them after they go off to college and many of those folks feel that we do not have a message that is reaching out to them in what they feel matters in the world that they are now living....(we have much more work to do) I have watched incredible Ministries grow like the Mission Farm and our Hispanic Ministry, Financial Peace, Mission India in outreach and thank God for His blessings in those important Ministries as well!

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?

I feel that this is one of the most important of all our Ministries. It sets the foundation for our children and reaches out to their families about how important Faith in Jesus Christ is above everything! I have witnessed it in my own life and seen what the good works this school does to place God first in everything we do and reminds us that

every good work comes through Him. Our school through the administration to the teachers lives out Gods promises everyday and I believe that it should be one of St. Johns highest priorities. To nurture that relationship to the people whom we entrust our children and their families to on a daily basis. We are so blessed to have people who are so dedicated to their mission here at St. Johns and I feel it is all of our responsibility to support the Teachers, Administrators, and Pastors in their roles here at St. Johns.
Thank you for the opportunity consider my service to this congregation.

William R. Lemin (Dick)

Employment/Experience Background

I retired from UPS in 2003 after 32 years of repairing big, brown trucks. I flunked retirement at that time, & took a job with the Napa Wine Train where I became an engineer. I recently retired from there after nearly 16 yrs. I am now enjoying being retired.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

I have been serving with the garden crew on the Mission Farm for several years now.

How are you regularly in the Word?

My wife Marilyn & I try to live our lives in the Word as much as we can. One thing that we continually practice is to live by the 'Golden Rule'. We attend church nearly every Sunday unless we are out of town.

Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors?

I think it would be another way to serve the Lord and to help spread the Word in another way.

What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to make disciples in our community?

With a lot of the not so nice things happening now days, it is important to show children & adults that a relationship with God is very important and can help guide them through anything in their lives. All that they need to do is to follow God's word, & listen to what he is saying.

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?

The role of our school is not only to educate our children, but to teach them to follow God, & to make him a part of their daily lives.

John Van Hofwegen

Employment/Experience Background

I have worked in finance my entire professional career. I have been employed for the past 18 ½ years at Justin-Siena High School, currently serving as the CFO / Director of Finance. I am an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees for Justin-Siena, and am the Secretary/Treasurer of Justin-Siena High School Corporation.

Previous Service at St. John’s Church and School

I served on the Board of Directors July 2014 through June 2016, and held the position of Treasurer. I am currently serving on the Endowment Committee. My experience at St. John’s School was as a school parent from 1989 – 2001, serving in various volunteer capacities.

How are you regularly in the Word?

I have been in the Word since a child, growing up in a Christian home, involved in church all my life and attended Christian schools all through grade school and college. We had daily devotions as a family growing up which I continued with my family as my own children were growing up. These days I have a regular time of Bible reading – I always strive for more - and personal daily prayer time, and regular devotions together with my wife.

Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors?

I wish to continue to serve as the Lord leads me, and I feel the continued leading of the Lord to serve in this capacity. I believe I have the gifts to lead and to serve, as well as the gift of discernment in matters of governance and policy.

What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to

make disciples in our community?

I believe that leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus is what we are all called to do. That is the most important thing we can do as Christians. We do that each and every one of us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the way that we live, to try to be more Christ-like in our own lives, and to be examples of Him in love and in service to those whom we encounter. We need the support of others and the Church for opportunities to stay encouraged and become stronger in our work for Him, and we grow in relationships with His followers to become stronger together.

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?

Having attended Christian day schools, and having my own children attend as well, I believe that the Day School has a very important role in light of the mission. It not only helps parents in their own responsibility to bring their children up to grow in Christ and in the Word, but it helps bring others, especially those who are unchurched, into a daily experience with Christ that they may not otherwise get or even have available to them. This serves to teach children and through them their parents about Christ, and what Christ has done for them, and how to live for Him in every facet of their lives.

Todd Yoder

Employment/Experience Background

NorthBay HealthCare - Senior IT Project Manager - 2 years
CTGHS - IT Project Manager - 5 Years
Perot Systems - Technical Director / IT Project Manager - 7 years
QVMC - IT Manager - 3 years

PMP Certified

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

Church

Communion Assistant
Sunday School

Previous Board Member
Youth Committee Chair

School

School Accreditation Committee
Theater Program - Stage and sets 2010-2018
Robotics Coach at 2016 & 2017 FLL teams and 2018 LEST
Cub Scout Den Leader 2013-2018

How are you regularly in the Word?

I start each day with prayer that God will guide and support me through the day that lays before me and that he will protect and guide those that I pray for. I end each day with thanks for all the God has provided me including thanks for my family, our church and school, the community and the beautiful and abundant land in which we live. Many days I listen to my Bible on cd in the car for the drive to and from work. I help my children to understand their weekly memory verse from school each week.

Why do you desire to serve the Lord and His people as a member of the Board of Directors?

I look forward to once again serving in the capacity of a board member. I pray that God will use me, my talents and my experience to support our Church, our school and our mission to bring the Word of Christ to our congregation and community. I look forward to finding ways of supporting and improving our current ministries as well as finding new ways to reach out to the community.

What is most important to you regarding our Mission and Vision as we seek to make disciples in our community?

The most important and the most difficult for many in our congregation, me included, is consistently growing priestly relationships with the people outside SJLC by sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our missions do a great job and serve as an opportunity for individuals in our congregation to reach out to serve the needs of the people both inside and outside our community. Our continued support of these missions and new ideas are how we can help our congregation become the disciples of Jesus Christ.

- SJLS

- Comfort Dog
- BSA
- Mission Farm
- Mission de Jesus
- Mission India
- Large Print Ministry
- and many others

What is the role of our Day School in light of our Mission and Vision?

Our Day School is one of the many important missions the church supports. It is our opportunity to reach out, teach and support both the children enrolled as they learn and grow in Christ's word throughout the years but also a chance to reach out to their families. I enjoy the Sunday's when the children sing in church and the families stay for the service. It gives the congregation a chance to meet and speak with family members we may not see otherwise during the course of the school year.