

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 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM. We will be electing four candidates for 2-year terms.

Nominee

Dennis Arnett

Tyler Roberts *

Judi Rock *

Paula Schweiger *

*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

Dennis Arnett

Employment/Experience Background

- Retired marine engineer with Chevron Shipping Company.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

- Served on Board of Elders prior to the organizational change.
- Served on original Board of Directors following the reorganization.
- Currently serving on Endowment Fund Committee.

How are you regularly in the Word?

- Regular Sunday worship via social media or in-person
- Regular family prayer and devotion.
- Regular bible study at home.
- My goal is to return to a Bible study group once I'm able to resolve some family care issues at home.

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

- I believe our current organizational structure has been very effective in allowing us to achieve our Mission and Vision objectives and I hope I can add some value through my service on the Board.

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

- Becoming the congregation of choice for the members of our community (and beyond) based on our demonstrated love of Christ and His People.
- Using the resources of our two congregations to reach out to the needs of our Napa neighbors through worship, bible study, prayer groups and our Christian day school.
- Continue serving the needs of Mission India.

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

Per our school's Purpose Statement: To help students grow in their relationship with Christ and develop the knowledge and skills to be confident, academically capable individuals who serve Christ, His church, and His world.

Tyler Roberts

Employment/Experience Background

I have been working in education since 2011. My first year of teaching was at a private in school in Alameda, CA serving students with mild-to-moderate autism and learning disabilities. I began teaching in the public school system at Benicia High School. At Benicia High School, I taught primarily United States History, but also taught American Government and AP Capstone as well. While at Benicia, I helped coach varsity football and baseball. I left Benicia in 2018 to be a full time Athletic Director at California High School in San Ramon. During this time, I oversaw an athletic program that consisted of 1,400 student athletes spread out between the 24 sports we offered. In 2020 I finished my Administration Credential from Concordia, Irvine and my family (Michelle and Grayson) left the East Bay and moved to Napa. In July of 2020, I began working at Vintage High School as one of the Assistant Principals. At Vintage High School, I oversee the math, science, special education, and world language departments and am the AP overseeing athletics.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

Currently, I teach Children's Church for the Preschool-Kindergarten group of children. I also work the soundboard for Worship Service, as well as for Prayers and Praise.

Our son, Grayson, is in the red group in the preschool and will be in kindergarten next year. My wife, Michelle is one of the lay readers on Sundays as well.

How are you regularly in the Word?

A typical day in our household looks like Contemporary Christian music playing in the background while we get ready for work and school. We pray every night at the table before we eat dinner and we pray with our son prior to putting him to bed. As a family, we attend church regularly and volunteer for various church positions.

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

Before my family moved to Napa, we were members of another Lutheran church in Walnut Creek, CA. As a new member in St. John's Lutheran Church, I believe that it is important to get a perspective from someone new. I also want to be able to help serve the school, especially since I work in education.

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

When it comes to the Mission of St. John's, I believe that through everything you do in a day, you can grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Lord's help and mercy. With His help, you can further your relationship with Christ. This could be as simple as inviting someone to church to hear the Word that usually doesn't attend church or loving your neighbor. All of which is fostered in the Vision of the church. To further God's message, you need to go out in the community to witness and bring as many people as you can to Christ. All of which extends out to the community members of the church helping out in other communities or to other people who need help.

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

Education is more than just knowing specific information from the content matter that you are studying. Education is about the skills that you acquire along the way when learning the course material. For example the critical thinking, communication, and collaboration are all skills that are necessary for bringing people into the Church and out into the world to spread the good word of the Lord. I believe that it is important to learn about and be educated about Jesus Christ and his love and mercy for His people, to learn the content, while developing the necessary tools to take with you outside of school, and to be servant to your community.

Judi Rock

Employment/Experience Background:

Homemaker/Mother/Grandmother

2004-Present: Biblical Counseling

Vice Principal of Grace Academy, Grace Church , Napa (2007-2010)

College and Career teachers at Grace Church Napa (1991-1994)

Participating and teaching Bible studies with the women's ministry at Grace Church

Copperfield's Book Store, Napa (1998-1999)

Flora Springs Winery, Event Coordinator/Tour Guide (1991-1997)

Small World, Ventura, CA- Children's clothing store (1986-1990)

Previous to moving to Ventura we both served at

1974-1978 Germany (Steve serving at Landstuhl Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany)

While there we worked with the Navigators and Overseas Christian Serviceman's Center.

1971-1973 College and Career Ministry as a student at First Presbyterian Church, San Mateo, CA.

I have always been active at every church we attended. I have participated in Vacation Bible School, and Women's Ministries. Also, in home Bible studies connected to our church.

Previous Service at Saint John's Lutheran Church and School

Counseling with families and members of Saint John's and other Christians in the Napa Valley

Vacation Bible School helper

Board member for several years

Singing on Worship Team

Co-Teaching Women's Bible Study group

Hosting Home Fellowship groups

How are you regularly in the Word?

M-F I have a time with the Lord through Bible study/ prayer/ listening to Christian podcasts.

Grace to You

Mortification of Spin

5 Minutes in Church History/Open Book - Stephen Nichols

Simply Put - Ligonier Ministries

The Bible Study - Steve Lawson

Truth for Life- Alistair Begg

Bible Recap

White Horse Inn

Nightly prayer time with Steve

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

Since our time in Germany with the Navigators we have felt we have an obligation to serve in any church we attend. We have been given many opportunities to serve wherever we've lived. As a Christian I know it's a privilege for me to be asked to serve on this board. I have enjoyed my service on this board for 2 terms. I have gotten to know some wonderful people and have (hopefully) helped guide the direction of the church and school.

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

Making disciples is what we are called to do . Teaching children and women about Jesus and encouraging both to study, pray, memorize scripture, grow in faith is my calling. I desire all to walk by the Spirit, get connected at church...use their gift to help others.

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

The board needs to be available to encourage our teachers, set good (Christian) examples for the many unsaved/unchurched parents and students. We exist to reach out to our church family first and then to the school families as a service to our community.

Paula Schweiger

Employment/Experience Background

After 30 year of working as a primary school teacher, I left to work at our family winery this year.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

I have been on the Board of Directors for the last four years serving as secretary. I have also volunteered for VBS, served as a Children's Church leader, confirmation guide, and summer camp worker. I also serve on Sundays as a lay reader and communion assistant as well as helping with Aaron Comfort Dog.

How are you regularly in the Word?

I am in the word every morning. My current devotional includes a Bible passage and message to go along with it. I am also re-reading Jesus Calling each day.

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

I want to have the Lord guide me in using my talents to further His kingdom. I am interested in having a variety of voice and opinions representing all people of the congregation to best meet the mission of the church to reach up, in, and out.

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

Leading people to a relationship with Christ is very important to me. Having taught in the public school, I was not able to share the gospel directly, but could share the love of Christ with my actions and by being an example to my students and families. In my current position, the same is true. I believe one of the best ways to reach out is to "show we are Christians by our love"

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

The school is an important part of St. John's ministry outreach. Many of our student/families are not members of the congregation and not Christians, yet their lives are daily change by the influence they receive at school. This is a reaching out ministry, accepting all who come to us, and providing a wonderful Christina education to those in our community. We are clear with families about our beliefs and what will be taught in the school.