

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 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM. We will be electing five candidates for 2-year terms.

Nominee

Bob DeYoung *

Ron Johnson

Dick Lemin

Martin Meissenhalter *

Gail Vandeburgt *

*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

Bob DeYoung

Employment/Experience Background

I am an Aviator and pilot. I work for four families who share the same small jet aircraft that I pilot and manage on their behalf. I am based at the Napa County airport.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

My wife and I have been active members of the congregation since before our marriage.

In the church more than 30 years ago. My wife's family has been active members for more than 50 years. My wife and our two sons have attended and graduated from St. John's School. I have actively volunteered my time in support of classroom and school activities while my son's were in attendance. I also continue to serve as the representative of the congregation to Boy Scout Troop 83 which operates under the sponsorship of St. John's.

I have 2 years of service on what was previously the Board of Elders.

How are you regularly in the Word?

I attend Sunday Service regularly, with the exception of conflicts with my work schedule. When work conflicts, I often visit other congregations or via the St. John's online worship.

I read biblical devotional materials on average three days a week or more. I listen to Christian based radio content and music. I read the bible.

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

I was asked. I believe when there is a need, one of the methods God calls us is through simply being asked. I feel called.

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

disciples in our community?

Effectiveness. Our culture places so much value on how our time is used. It is important to me that we are effective in overcoming paradigms and succeeding in our mission of clearing a path for the Holy Spirit to permanently change the lives of the people of our community, and overcome them with the joy of a relationship with Christ.

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

To provide a superior quality academic education to the families of our congregation, and by extension to the community at large. To provide an environment where students feel safe, secure, and wiser because of the promises of God, and then compelled to share that confidence within their sphere of influence praising and witnessing God's glory.

Ron Johnson

Employment/Experience Background

I'm a retired Chief of Plant Operations from Public Employees Retirement System, State of California. I've been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church since 1976.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

I've served on several Boards over the years; including, Board of Directors, Property Maintenance, Stewardship and Board of Elders. I served on the St. John's Lutheran School Parent Teacher's Board, (my children attended SJLS). I currently serve through the Mission Farm, After Church Coffee Fellowship, Communion Assistant (as needed), Boy Scout Troop 83 Committee Member.

How are you regularly in the Word?

Lois and I attend Sunday morning worship services together every Sunday at SJLC. I lead the Saturday morning Men's Bible Study and Breakfast. I continue to read the Bible from cover to cover every evening before bed.

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

As a member of SJLC since 1976; I know the history of the church and how it operates. I believe the members should be involved in the ministries of the Church and serve when called.

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

Growing the Church with new members, ministering to every member, reaching out to those in need, feeding the hungry people in our community and being an active member in providing hospitality and fellowship opportunities for our members. Support the Youth Programs.

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

SJLS provides an outstanding; Christian based education to both member and non-member children. Unfortunately, the cost of that education makes it difficult for all of our member children, the ability to afford to attend.

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, and took a job with the Napa Wine Train where I became an engineer. I recently from there after nearly 16 years. 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 13 years now where I enjoy operating the tractor to prepare & cultivate the fields for the planting of the crops.

How are you regularly in the Word?

My wife, Marilyn, and 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 and 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 and 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 and to make Him a part of their daily lives.

Martin Meissenhalter

Employment/Experience Background

Culinary Institute of America – Assistant Manager of Purchasing

Previous Service at St. John’s Church and School

- Parent of a child that attended SJLS for 12 years. Was involved in many of the projects and outings involving each grade.
- Was on school advisory team for several years.
- Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 83 @ SJLS

How are you regularly in the Word?

- Every morning in devotional reading and prayer
- Attend church and small groups
- I am part of our Tech Team

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

Honestly, I have not sought this out before. I was asked to serve by a nomination. I spoke to my family and prayed, and I believe this is the Lord’s way of telling me to serve the church and school.

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

Take advantage of the opportunities presented to us every day. Being able to

recognize when I need to spread the Gospel.

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

To give every child at SJLS the ability to spread the Word of God and make every child be a good disciple and member of our community.

Gail Vandeburgt

Employment/Experience Background

My employment background includes 25 years in sales analysis and support in the food and wine industries. I retired in Oct 2022.

Previous Service at St. John's Church and School

I have served previously on the Board of Directors. I'm continuing serving as a Reader and am a member of the Coffee Hour, Large Print, Mission Farm and Comfort Dog teams.

How are you regularly in the Word?

My regular involvement with the Bible is in daily devotions and prayer, Women's Bible Study and Sunday worship. I like to listen to Christian podcasts, music and audio books while exercising or driving.

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

I believe God is calling me and I believe strongly in the effectiveness of the BOD governance structure as a focused means to carry out God's Mission (Matt 28:19). I find serving on the Board, ensuring the fulfillment of St. John's Mission and Vision, personally encouraging and trust God to use me to be a blessing to others.

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

While all 3 aspects of SJLC Vision are important (UP, IN, OUT), I am partial to Leading People OUT - Growing priestly relationships with people of the World. Specifically, I think it is important our mission be about "Serving the real needs of people in our community" and "Sharing the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who don't know Him". I believe a follower of Christ is called to serve others and share the gospel/point others to Jesus.

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

Our Day School is well-respected in the community! I feel building on that strength is one of the best ways to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Additionally, our Day School is a great way to "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Prov 22:6). Giving our children a firm foundation in a relationship with Jesus Christ is our utmost responsibility and privilege.