

Vestry Minutes 11/21/2023

All Saints Episcopal Church, Portland, OR

NOTE: This meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Reverend Andria Skornik- rector, Lindsay Strannigan- senior warden, Sonja Miller- junior warden, Jerry Meter- treasurer, Steve Dieterich- clerk, Lana Millington, Bryan Poole, Candace McLean, Maryruth Storer, Amanda Buckle

Absent: Tim Anderson

Guest: Deacon Linda Goertz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Lana Millington offered an opening prayer.

- 1) **Rector's/ Senior warden's report:** a) Pantry project. The permitting process continues to wend it's way through Portland's building department. Based on current progress we expect approval to be granted in ~ 2weeks. The Go Fund Me effort has raised \$15,000.00 thus far. Flyers are on display at most businesses along Woodstock Blvd. and we hope to extend this presence into West Moreland, Brentwood-

Darlington and Sellwood. b) Community Covenant

Agreement. A copy of this document that the vestry created a few years ago was shared with all chairpersons in hopes of improving communications within and between ministries and the executive committee. The rector and wardens will be available to attend all meetings and should be included in the notification of all such upcoming events.

- 2) **Master Planning Committee:** The RFP was approved by the diocese and was sent to a variety of architectural firms. Representatives from many firms met with the committee on 11/20 to tour the facilities we would like to modify and improve. Their proposals are due by mid-December. Nancy Carr is managing inquiries.
- 3) **Junior Warden's report:** See the report from Sonja Miller appended to these minutes. Sonja gave a brief description of how to set and clear the alarm system.
- 4) **Treasurer's report:** Jerry sent the current financial statements to all vestry members via email earlier this week. He currently projects a budget deficit for 2023 of \$20,543.00 and presented the recommended plans to cover the deficit. Questions were reviewed.
- 5) The progress and current status of the **Stewardship campaign** was reviewed by Maryruth. Plans to contact

parishioners who made pledges for 2023 but haven't yet pledged for 2024 were discussed.

- 6) **Budget for 2024:** The finance committee's draft budget was presented by Maryruth. At present, there is a projected deficit of \$18,115.00. We did some brainstorming as to how we could eliminate this deficit. As an increase in parish size is clearly a part of any such solution, Reverend Andria has put together a "Visioning Team" of 5 to pursue this goal.
- 7) **Minutes of the 10/17/2023 vestry meeting** were approved as submitted.
- 8) The **next vestry meeting** is tentatively scheduled for 12/19/2023 if needed. Vestry members will be polled and notified of the final plan in the upcoming weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after a closing prayer from Reverend Andria.

SAVE THE DATES:

11/30/23 Red Cross blood drive in the parish hall 12:30-6:00

12/3 Advent wreath making workshop after the 10:15 service

12/10 St Nicholas will be making his annual visit at the 10:15 service.

12/17 The Christmas pageant will be an integral part of the 10:15 service

