

Vestry Meeting 3/16/2021

All Saints Episcopal Church, Portland, OR

NOTE: *This meeting took place in person, following all recommended COVID-19 safety precautions. (the clerk attended on a virtual connection.)*

Present: Andria Skornik-rector, Deb Miller- senior warden, Tom Summers- junior warden, Steve Dieterich- clerk, Bill Habel, Megan Klein, Maryruth Storer, Doug Keiper, Lindsay Strannigan

Absent: Jerry Meter- treasurer, Miriam Lain

Guest: Sonja Miller- chair of the Finance committee

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with an opening prayer by Mother Andria

- 1) **Finance committee presentation-** Sonja presented a number of issues regarding needed repairs and updates to our physical plant. There are 6 exterior doors that must be replaced. There is interior and exterior brick work that needs to be repaired. The asbestos tile floor in the chapel must be removed and new modern flooring installed. Our current

security system has long outlived its intended lifespan; it's now 35 years old and needs to be replaced. Bids for these projects have been obtained and assessed by the Finance committee. Vestry received these bids for review prior to this meeting. Sonja presented the finance committee's recommendations regarding their preferences. With guidance from Sonja, *the following motions were made, seconded and unanimously approved by those in attendance:*

a) All Saints Church will spend up to \$51,000.00 to pay for 6 replacement doors, repairs to interior and exterior brick work and to purchase a new security system.

b) All Saints Church will spend up to \$25,000.00 to remove the asbestos floors in the chapel and replace them with modern flooring.

c) All Saints Church will apply for a \$51,000.00 diocesan loan AND a \$25,000.00 grant from the diocese to cover the expenses approved in motions a) and b) above.

2) Vestry members offered self introductions and spoke about their ambitions for All Saints .

3) Rector's report- Mother Andria asked us to consider and reflect upon how All Saints Church could best use its location and facilities to expand our place in the community and continue

to offer services to all interested parties and those in need. Our goal is to become a “neighborhood hub” for enrichment, enlightenment, camaraderie and services, much like SE Portland’s Tabor Space at 60th and Belmont SE.

4) Mother Andria and Deb Miller led an **indoor walking tour** of the All Saints facilities.

5) **How might we?** Borrowing from 2019 “Vestry Goals and Actions” document, we briefly considered how we might:

a) Welcome newcomers and connect them with the All Sains community?

b) Expand our child oriented activities including music programs, art installations etc?

c) Dream of and plan a renovation of our church buildings and property to support the mission and vision of the church?

d) Encourage spiritual growth and deepening among parishioners?

The following suggestions were offered:

- Consistent color themes and signage throughout the building
- Continued Episcopal education for those new to the Episcopal church
- Bring in guest speakers, particularly in social justice issues
- Connect with local experts such as Reed College connections

- Enthusiasm for live music and arts events; include some that are child-friendly
- Find ways to connect our Saturday guests to other services and resources both at All Saints and in the broader community
- Continue to offer some on-line options such as book clubs
- Continue to pursue neighborhood "drives" like the peanut butter and jelly drive to connect the neighborhood with All Saints
- Market our commercial kitchen to start-ups

6) **Treasurer's report**- Prior to this meeting, all vestry members had received the most recent financial statements from Jerry Meter via email.

7) **Minutes of the 1/19/2021 vestry meeting** were approved as presented.

8) The meeting concluded with a pandemic appropriate celebration of the **eucharist**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

9) **Next meeting**- Tuesday 4/20/2021 at 7:00 PM. As yet, it hasn't been decided whether this meeting will occur in person and/or virtually. Details will be shared in the week prior to the meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Dieterich, clerk to the vestry