

Vestry Meeting Minutes 3/21/2023

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, Amanda Buckle, Tim Anderson, Maryruth Storer, Bryan Poole, Candace McLean

Absent: none

Guest: Deacon Linda Goertz

The meeting began at 7:03 with an opening prayer from Mother Andria.

- 1) **How can we make worship more fun and inclusive for families?** *Suggestions from vestry:* a) Maximize children's involvement in all aspects of the service. b) Make books, work sheets, crayons, pencils, paper available on a drawing table at the back of the sanctuary. c) Increase the size of the soft space at the rear of the sanctuary. d) Create "fidget boxes" and change their contents frequently to increase

interest. e) Continue to hold Godly Play in the parish hall rather than in a classroom. Allows children the freedom to come and go. f) Create a program geared to pre-teens who are too old for Godly Play. g) Encourage informal interaction of children after services. h) Restart the outdoor family service and include music if possible.

2) **Junior Warden's report**- See detailed report attached to these minutes. The Energy Trust of Oregon's free lighting upgrade program was presented. After their walk through with Sonja, they have recommended lighting changes that could save us \$3000.00/ year. These improvements are free to us! After discussion, a ***motion was made and seconded*** to sign the contract permitting us to proceed with these changes. *Passed unanimously.*

3) Maryruth presented the **Finance Committee's plan for the 2024 Stewardship campaign** including a document called "Money 101". Vestry will be asked to make some follow up contacts to active parishioners who don't respond to the initial outreach.

4) **Sprint cell tower lease**- Tim shared letters sent by and received by the attorney he has employed on our behalf. We are

waiting (once more) for a reply from Sprint. The attorney feels our claim that rent is due until Sprint removes their equipment from our steeple is supported by the lease agreement.

5) **Master Plan/Renovations committee** - Thus far, only 23 parishioners have completed the survey sent to everyone via email and available in hard copy form here at church. We hope for a 100% response and will need to begin making direct contact with those who haven't replied by the 4/2/2023 "soft" deadline.

6) **Treasurer's report**- Jerry sent the latest financials to all vestry members via email. Questions were answered. He also detailed the proposal to pay off our diocesan loan from our Endowment Trust Fund's principal, as permitted by our church by-laws. ***A motion was made and seconded*** to withdraw \$63,298.16 from our Endowment Fund to pay off our diocesan loan. *Passed unanimously.*

7) **The minutes of the 2 January vestry meetings** were approved as submitted.

8) **Next vestry meeting** is scheduled for 4/18/2023 at 7:00 PM.

After a closing prayer from Mother Andria, tonight's meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Dieterich, clerk to the vestry

SAVE THE DATES:

3/26- Rev. Leroy Barber will be our guest, preaching the sermon at 10:15 and moderating a discussion in the parish hall after the service.

3/30- ARC blood drive in the parish hall

4/2- Palm Sunday and the commencement of multiple Holy Week events and services

4/9 Easter services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM