

Vestry Minutes 8/16/2022

All Saints Episcopal Church Portland, OR

Present: Reverend Andria Skornik- rector, Laurie McDowell- junior warden, Jerry Meter-treasurer, Steve Dieterich-clerk, Bryan Poole, Candace McLean

Absent: Lindsay Strannigan- senior warden, Maryruth Storer, Tim Anderson

Guests: Deacon Linda Goertz, Deacon Maureen Hagen

Tonight's meeting began at 7:00 PM and took place via Zoom.

- 1) **Rector's report-** a) Progress on our Master Plan has been paused as the diocese would like to discuss our options on how to proceed. Bishop Prior is the diocesan consultant who will work with us on the endeavor. He will work with an expanded Master Planning Committee to prioritize our needs, review their costs and consider sources of funding. To explore and insure our parishioner's involvement and investment in this project, the Master Planning Committee will host monthly meetings to gauge the interests and needs of the parish. b) Pursuing the electrification of our pantry

container involves the slow process of obtaining permits from the City of Portland. Kristin Magis, our new outreach coordinator, and those managing the Woodstock Food Pantry are currently of the opinion that it would be more appropriate/expeditious to pursue a plan to obtain a second container to formally complete this phase of the project. They have created a site plan that includes 2 containers and appropriate landscaping. Estimated costs to pursue this plan of action are \$75,000+ Clearly, we will need to seek additional grant money as well as contributions from the general community to make this plan possible. c) The digital ministry has been quite a success, but the time has come to improve the quality of our transmissions. Changes are already in progress to improve sound quality and to increase the number of camera angles available during the services.

- 2) **Deacon's report-** Linda Goertz has arranged to borrow a mister from the City of Portland for heat emergencies. We also provide printed information on our exterior doors regarding city run cooling centers.
- 3) **Senior warden's report-** none (Lindsay Strannigan not available)
- 4) **Junior warden's report-** see the detailed report from Laurie McDowell attached to these minutes. The Homestead Pre-school hasn't yet returned a signed copy of our latest lease

proposal, but it appears they have accepted the proposal as their August rent payment was for the newly requested amount. There will be Fall Clean-ups on 10/9 and 11/20/2022.

- 5) **Treasurer's report-** Jerry emailed the current financial reports AND a summary of his recent report to the finance committee to all vestry members recently. There were no questions this evening. The stewardship drive will start in September, led by Maryruth Storer. An ambitious goal of \$251,000 has been established. We will need to educate our many new parishioners about the importance and mechanics of a pledge drive AND make it clear to them that we run a very lean and transparent financial operation here!
- 6) **The minutes of the 6/21/2022 meeting** were accepted as presented.
- 7) **Next meeting** will take place Tuesday 9/20/2022 at 7:00PM

Following a prayer from Deacon Maureen Hagen, tonight's meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Dieterich, clerk to the vestry
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SAVE THE DATES:

8/25-ARC blood drive [here](#)

8/28- Farewell celebration honoring Alex Firman AND
“the blessing of the backpacks” for those returning to
school in the next few weeks

9/11- Kick off Sunday for our fall ministries. Community
members are invited.

10/9- Fall clean-up part 1

11/20- Fall clean up part 2, mostly leaf removal.