

Vestry Meeting 9/21/2021

All Saints Episcopal Church, Portland, OR

NOTE: Tonight's meeting was hybrid; some members attended in person, others via ZOOM. All are listed as "present" below.

Present: Reverend Andria Skornik-rector, Deb Miller- senior warden, Jerry Meter- treasurer, Steve Dieterich- clerk, Megan Klein, Doug Keiper, Lindsay Strannigan, Mary Ruth Storer, Miriam Lain

Absent: Tom Summers

Tonight's meeting began at 7:10 PM with an opening prayer offered by Mother Andria.

- 1) **Rector's report-** a) Homecoming event was a big success! More than 200 people attended. There was + feedback from parishioners and neighborhood attendees. We hope to repeat the event in future. b) After the 10:15 service on 10/24, there will be an open meeting to discuss the Master Plan. People can attend in person or via Zoom. c) Zoning regulations (in particular the "set back regulation) will necessitate a change in the positioning of our Woodstock Pantry container. Our

architect will help us explore options. Perhaps one option would be to request a zoning exception from the city?? d) Deacon Kathleen has decided to retire from her position as of 10/31/2021 but wants us to know that she will continue to be an active parishioner at All Saints. Tonight we discussed options to celebrate her ministry.

- 2) **Senior warden's report-** a) Plans for additional gatherings (over and beyond Sunday services) have been paused for Fall and Winter. Perhaps some Zoom get togethers will be developed? b) We will be producing an in-house photo directory. The first step will be to take photos of as many parishioners as possible after the 10:15 services on 10/3 and 10/10/21.
- 3) Due to persistent health issues, Tom Summers has decided to resign his position as Junior warden and to withdraw from the vestry. *A motion was made* to select Laurie McDowell to serve the remainder of Tom's term on the vestry AND to elect her to the position of Junior warden. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Mother Andria presented an initial **proposal to re-purpose the configuration and use of of the "Our Savior's Chapel."**

The intent is to maximize the use of this space and other spaces currently rented out to a variety of community organizations and used for various parish events. Associated benefits of the proposal would be the potential for increased rental income AND increased visibility within our community.

Further discussions of this plan will ensue as details are explored and formulated.

- 5) **Treasurer's report-** a) Financial reports were sent to all vestry members prior to this meeting. Jerry answered questions posed by those in attendance. b) Jerry explained that our current expenses are approximately \$25,000.00 To cover these expenses, we have only \$4000.00 of guaranteed income. The remainder should come from pledges. Current pledges don't produce enough income so we have used the 2020 budget surplus and the 2021 Gruggen fund allocation to cover expenses. We can also use 10% of the endowment fund's annual income. An increase in rental income would clearly be of benefit. This is a large part of why we need to pursue the Master Plan. c) Jerry is also serving as chairman of the stewardship drive which will launch the first week of October.
- 6) **Minutes of the 8/17/2021 vestry meeting** were approved as

submitted.

7) Following a closing prayer by Mother Andria, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

8) **Next meeting**- Tuesday 10/19/2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

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a) Reverend Leroy Barber from the Voices Project will speak at the 9:00 and 10:15 services on 9/26/2021

b) The annual St Francis Pet Blessing occurs at all services on 10/3/2021.

c) The All Saints Celebration takes place 10/31/2021.

Costume wearing is encouraged!

d) The Diocesan convention will be held 11/6/21 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dieterich, clerk to the vestry.