

Vestry Meeting 10/19/2021

All Saints Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon

NOTE: Due to ongoing restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting took place virtually via ZOOM

Present: Reverend Andria Skornik-rector, Deb Miller- Senior Warden, Laurie McDowell- interim Junior Warden, Jerry Meter- Treasurer, Steve Dieterich-Clerk to the Vestry, MaryRuth Storer, Bill Habel, Lindsay Strannigan, Megan Klein, Doug Keiper, Miriam Lain

Absent: none

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

- 1) **Rector's report-** a) Voices Project. Leroy Barber of this organization suggested some ways that All Saints could spotlight black businesses and artists. Perhaps these would work well in conjunction with a Juneteenth celebration? The Voices Project could organize the event throughout Greater Portland and All Saints could be the hosts for the Woodstock neighborhood. b) Woodstock Commons: The exec board

suggests that a subcommittee dedicated to this project would be beneficial. Members could come from the vestry as well as representatives of other guilds/ministries and the general parish. A Master Plan discussion will take place in the church after the 10:15 service on 10/24. Those at home can participate via the Zoom Coffee hour link. Recent discussions have taken place with our architect. We should think about doing the project in phases over time. Latest cost estimate for the full project as currently proposed is \$2.5 million. Clearly much of this needs to come from sources outside the parish. c) Deacon Kathleen's retirement was celebrated with a warm clothing drive as per her suggestion. Linda Gertz, a retired deacon and new parishioner, will begin to work with us. d) Advent events are under discussion including wreath making. Further discussions will take place at our November meeting.

- 2) **Senior Warden's report-** a) Master Plan drawings and updates when available will be displayed in the parish hall. Perhaps the first issue to discuss with the parishioners is the "why" of this project. It's a way of insuring the economic stability of All Saints AND a way to continue and augment the services we can offer to our community. b) The new parish photo directory is well under way with over 40 photos taken

already. Another Sunday photo session will probably be scheduled. Perhaps we can also ask for direct submissions from parishioners who would prefer this and know how to pursue it. c) A Newcomer's coffee hour is tentatively scheduled for 11/14 after the 10:15 service. A good vestry presence would be very beneficial. d) The bylaws update committee will be meeting next week. Their recommendations will be presented to the vestry over the remainder of 2021 so that new and changed bylaws can be presented during the Annual Meeting in January 2022.

- 3) **Junior Warden's report:** Laurie gave us a B&G update of things done and pending. (attached to these minutes.) Questions were answered and details shared. Fall cleanup will occur 11/7 after the 10:15 service.

- 4) **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) Stewardship- 14 pledges received thus far. Testimonials by parishioners will continue 10/24 and 10/31. In-gathering will occur 11/7. Cards to allow the pledging of time and talent will be available soon. c) the first draft of the 2022 budget will be available for vestry to review prior to our December meeting. We will need to add

\$17,000.00 annually for the next 5 years to cover our new diocesan loan. Currently, there are funds available to cover \$10,000.00 of this.

5) **The minutes of the 9/21/2021 vestry meeting** were approved as presented.

6) Following a closing prayer by Mother Andria, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

7) **Next meeting-** Tuesday 11/16/2021 at 7:00 PM. Probably “hybrid” = in person with ZOOM connection also available.

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10/31- All Saints Celebration. Costumes optional

11/6- Diocesan convention on ZOOM

11/7- Grubby Sunday = Fall cleanup after 10:15 service.

11/14- Newcomer’s coffee hour after 10:15 service