

Vestry Meeting 11/16/2021

All Saints Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon

**Present:** Reverend Andria Skornik-rector, Deb Miller- Senior warden, Laurie McDowell- Junior warden, Jerry Meter- treasurer, Steve Dieterich- clerk to the vestry, Bill Habel, Megan Klein, Lindsay Strannigan, Maryruth Storer, Doug Keiper ( via Zoom)

**Absent:** Miriam Lain

Tonight's meeting began at 7:00 PM with an opening prayer by Mother Andria.

- 1) **Rector's report-** a) There were ~25 people at the newcomer's gathering after the 10:15 service on 11/14/2021. They seemed very invested in All Saints! They represented diverse ages and previous religious backgrounds. b) The Montessori school across the street has told us they intend to make recurring donations to the Woodstock food bank. c) Diaconal ministry- Linda Goertz is our new deacon. Her biographical profile can be found in recent E-news mailings. d) Alex Firman, currently living in England, has indicated he intends to join our parish as an intern this summer. His bio can also be found in the E-news. e) If vestry members are

aware of fellow parishioners who are expressing feelings of discontent or dissatisfaction with current parish activities and plans, please refer them to Andria or pass this information along to her yourself AND f) Perhaps vestry members names and phone numbers could be added to the E-news and Sunday bulletin, providing additional contact possibilities for parishioners with such issues. g) The next all parish Master Plan discussion will occur after the 10:15 service on 12/5. The focus of this meeting will be how to prioritize the numerous parts of the Master Plan so that we may direct our initial steps toward the items parishioners feel are most important. h) As of 12/5, the 9:00 outdoor family service will be merged with the indoor 10:15 service. Godly Play will take place and an effort will be made to keep the children integrated with numerous aspects of the service on a regular basis.

2) **Senior Warden's report-** a) Deb reminds us that her term ends as of the annual meeting in January 2022. b) The photo directory is coming along. The final opportunity to have a photo taken here will occur after the services on 11/21/2021. Parishioners can submit their own photo to Cris, our administrative assistant. We hope to be able to present the directory to parishioners by Christmas. c) The Master Plan and

related information will be added to our web site, accessible to all parishioners and members of our community. Hopefully , this will stimulate interest in and support of this project. d) A review and update of our Bylaws is in progress. A draft of proposed changes will be sent to vestry members prior to our December meeting and should be presented to the parish at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in January 2022.

3) **Junior warden's report-** Laurie provided the attached list of projects completed, in progress and contemplated. Various items were discussed. Another clean up day will likely be needed, weather permitting.

4) **Treasurer's report-** a) Financial reports were sent to all vestry members prior to this meeting. Jerry answered questions regarding the reports. Due to the loss of some high-pledging parishioners, we will finish 2021 with less pledge income than projected in the 2021 budget. He feels we will be able to cover this deficit from available funds/sources. b) The stewardship campaign is coming to a close. Thus far we have 68 pledging units, 11 of which are new. Total pledged thus far is \$167,000.00. In 2021 we had 87 pledging units. Individuals who have pledged in previous years but haven't made a pledge to date for 2022 will be contacted by the stewardship committee.

5) **New business**- Our archives need some updating. Chuck Martin has indicated an interest in pursuing this project. Others have expressed an interest in helping him. Deb and Maryruth are going to investigate the legal requirements for document retention.

6) **Annual meeting** is scheduled for 1/23/2022 after the 10:15 service. If COVID precautions permit, the meeting will take place in person in the parish hall with a Zoom option for those who would prefer.

7) **The minutes of the 10/19/2021 vestry meeting** were approved as presented.

8) **Next meeting**- Tuesday 12/14/21 (a week earlier than usual)  
*Current plans are to meet in person at the church.*

9) Following a closing prayer by Mother Andria, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

Advent begins 11/28. These activities are currently in planning: Advent wreath making, Holgate House giving tree,

Woodstock tree lighting, an evening of Advent related music and contemplative worship.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are currently planned to take place in person with a Zoom option for those who prefer to worship from home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Dieterich, clerk to the vestry