

**ALL SAINTS' BEVERLY HILLS
VESTRY MEETING – UPPER SWEETLAND HALL
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

ATTENDEES:

Vestry: Ted Dodd, Gary Roberts, Marissa Flaxbart, Lance Harding, Gerrie Maloof, Lisa Schwab, John Tan, Kevin Yoder, Lonnie Hinckley

Absent: Bill Lincoln, Lisa Holguin, Jeff Smith

Clergy and Staff: Michael Sahdev, Michael Wilson, Hallie Foote

Guests: Lynn Dodd, Katie Moyer

Opening Prayer: Kevin Yoder

Teaching: Lisa Schwab

Father Michael Sahdev called the meeting to order at 7pm.

RECTOR'S REPORT (Senior Associate Rector The Reverend Michael Sahdev)

It has been a busy month, year, decade. Talks about meeting with parishioners and the number of people who have joined in that conversation. Thanks the vestry members for doing the same because he says that the thing he hears over and over again is that people feel heard or are grateful to have access to being heard. There is also an acceptance and a desire for an understanding of what is next. The listening piece is so important because people are carrying around a lot. Not just what is going on at All Saints', but just what has gone on in the last year and a half, things in their own lives. It is not something that can be rushed.

We are in a season of reactivation. A big piece of this lies with our various ministries. The women's ministry is meeting and up and running. Canon McCarthy will be speaking at a future meeting. Our Men's group is transforming. We are making moves within our 20s and 30s group. Our Refugee Ministry is very impactful, particularly for the family we are serving. The Pastoral Care Team has seen a lot of folks who were on the margins, who decide to stay, and hear the call to love their neighbor at All Saints'. Our Sages and the LGBTQ+ group have been meeting consistently. The Altar Guild is growing. Fr. Michael and Father Ed Benioff from Good Shepherd met to talk about outreach opportunities with them.

We have been given a Deacon to help us. Daniel Tamm was ordained this month and will start working with us as a non-stipendiary deacon. We have made known two Holy Land Pilgrimages which will take place in Summer, 2022 and January, 2023, respectively for youth and for adults. Sunday School has restarted as a multi-age classroom during the 10AM service.

Our High School Youth Group as well as our Confirmation Group have been meeting steadily. We are going to have roughly 13 youth confirmed, along with roughly 6 adults. The confirmation service is on Tuesday, November 23rd and the Bishop will be among us. All are invited to attend.

In terms of Liturgy, our 8am remains steady. 10am has increased. AS2 has seen consistent numbers similar to 8am. We are launching an AS2 Creative Group which will meet to plan thematic worship for seasons. We are looking toward Advent with this. Randy Coleman has stepped up for us as a leader at AS2. Evensong services have restarted. The Pet Blessing was very successful and there was a sizable

group from AA, thanks to an invitation by Ruthie Rodriguez. Marissa Flaxbart's online Compline service has continued, and Lisa Schwab has been helping, too. We will bring back Taize on November 17th.

November and December are going to be busy in a good way. Our Angel Tree project and Carol Sings will be back, and Sages will return to campus. A Wednesday night class is being considered during all of Advent. For All Saints' Day celebration, Father Cutie will be preaching. There will be a lot of great preachers during Advent. Canon McCarthy and the preaching professor at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Another TBD.

We are a bit light on Acolytes, particularly female altar servers. Please let people know about this in case they are interested in being trained for these positions.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting passed unanimously.

WARDEN'S REPORT (Ted Dodd, Senior Warden)

The following people have indicated willingness to serve on our Vestry Nominating Committee, in addition to the ex officio participation of the Senior and Junior Wardens: Cathy Barna, Bonnie McClure, Ruth Loomis, Karen Swift, Greg Pulis. The bylaws specify six to eight people for this committee and we have seven; four women and three men. A chairperson will be designated at the first meeting.

A motion to approve the slate of nominees to the 2022 Vestry Nominating Committee was made and passed unanimously.

Ted indicated that Dr. Claudia Shields is planning to be ready to deliver a verbal report to the vestry sometime in mid-November.

MEDIA/ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES REPORT (Michael Wilson, Director of Media, Administration, Stewardship)

We are glad to welcome Lonnie Hinckley as a new member of our Buildings and Grounds Committee. All Saints' will be installing a key card reader and intercom at the gate before the end of the year.

In terms of new media pieces, we have a team working on a series of short films that we will be releasing in parallel with the printed stewardship piece that John and Amanda Tan are working on with Lynn Dodd. Bonnie McClure is the focus of the first video, released last Sunday. The second is an interview with Carol Potter. Additional interviews will be released as they are ready, likely to include our artist whose work is featured in the stewardship mailed piece, David Davis.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Lynn Dodd, Chair of Stewardship Leadership Group, and Gerrie Maloof)

Lynn Dodd described where we were in collecting on pledges at this time of the year in comparison with the past ten years. A calling effort is afoot to encourage our fellow members to pay their 2021 pledges and the brochure for the Stewardship mailing for 2022 Stewardship will soon be arriving. The theme of Stewardship this year is, "Come and See."

The 100th Anniversary of All Saints' founding soon will be upon us, in 2026. We are considering how we will celebrate this. Please share ideas with us. Michael Wilson has been taking a lead in gathering historical images and details for an archive and media use. Additionally, the vestry will eventually be asked to think how we want to mark the 100th anniversary. We have suggestions up to and including building the endowment to \$100 million.

John Tan discussed the brochure and its design, which is focused on being at church and our a sense of place. Special thanks go to Amanda Tan for her inspired design work, to Colleen Dodson Baker for her photography, and to David Davis who created the artwork on the inside of the brochure and this can be retained for use later.

Carol Potter had been working with a committee on arranging a social event, and this is being put on pause for the moment, but we look forward to the day when it will happen. We thank her and her helpers for their work and vision in bringing us all together.

Gerrie Maloof asked for vestry member volunteers to get involved in the stewardship calling ministry. Three vestry members volunteered to call and thank people who were current on their 2021 pledge payments.

Closing Prayer: Gerrie Maloof – Compline prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Meeting adjourned 9pm

Respectfully submitted,
Hallie Foote