

ALL SAINTS' BEVERLY HILLS
Vestry Meeting – May 26, 2020
(minutes by Chris Cook)

Attendees via Zoom:

Clergy: Janet Broderick, Nathaniel Katz

Vestry: Gary Roberts, Chris Cook, Susan Humphreville, Lisa Holguin, Bill Lincoln, Millie Hansen, Marissa Flaxbart, Kevin Yoder, Ted Dodd, Glynis Horton, Gerrie Maloof, Dennis McGuckian.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm. Ted Dodd led the group in prayer. Kevin Yoder led the study.

The minutes from the April 28 meeting were unanimously approved. Glynis Horton volunteered to make sure the minutes from the board meetings are available on the church's website

Senior Warden's Report

Gary Roberts reported that he'd received a large check from a parishioner for their annual support of the church. The check was expected.

Rector's Report

Janet Broderick introduced Gerry Suenram, our new Chief of Staff. Gerry talked about his professional background and how he will support and oversee the business and administrative functions at the church. Janet shared that this Sunday she will let the congregation know about the PPE loan and introduce Gerry at the end of the service. Janet acknowledged that Governor Newsom's guidelines for reopening churches had been released to the public. Along with the diocese, we will determine how to move forward. Right now we're focused on providing the strongest online experiences we can. Brian Ide has been instrumental in our services.

The three main areas of focus for us right now are:

- 1) Communication: God's Love for All Saints – being in touch with people virtually, via the phone tree, affinity groups, education, pastoral care, newsletters, thank you notes and letters, etc.
- 2) Outreach: God's Love in the World – participation by the congregation with making masks, LGBT towels, sandwiches at Good Shephard.
- 3) Media – accessing the talent available at All Saints' by bringing people together each week in a creative "writer's room" environment to be deeply current with our virtual product. Also includes social media, worship Sundays, things like taking a poll during Wednesday night's class, etc.

Janet sees this as a very generative time and ask us to consider what we want the church and our congregation to look like in the end. She distilled it down to three sentences

- 1) Love so palpable that people are honest, open and willing. Humbles the sinner
- 2) Gospel in scripture, worship and deed which releases the Holy Spirit (Exalts the Savior)
- 3) Community based on the truth that every Christian's gifts are indispensable and relevant (promote holiness)

Financial Report

Susan Humphreville presented the financial report. Please see the latest financial statements, which are attached. Susan shared that the largest pledges have been fulfilled, which is a huge help with cash flow. The PPE loan has been received. By June 18, we will be finalizing our forgiveness portion of the loan. We then reviewed the investment assets. Susan asked Janet to share the good news about the special gift of \$150,000 to support the Media Ministry during this crucial time. We will be looking at staffing , equipment and our needs to support Brian Ide on a weekly basis.

Janet asked Marissa Flaxbart to talk about the choir and how they are doing. Janet shared that the paid choir members would be paid through the end of June. We also discussed the Bishop's position that it could be a very long time before the congregation and choirs could all sing together again because of the virus.

The Benevolence Fund

Kevin Yoder updated everyone on The Benevolence Fund. We have processed 10 applications so far and the fund has received over \$64,000 in donations from the congregation. Kevin also shared that Nat and Janet are able to dispense of funds using gas cards and groceries for those in need.

Associate Search Committee Report

Ted Dodd updated the vestry sharing that we have three very strong Associate candidates. Janet outlined a series of questions for each candidate to answer. One had returned the questions already, and the other two are working on it. We hope to have all three candidates travel sometime in June to meet with us in Los Angeles,

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm and moved into Executive Session.