

All Saints' Parish, Beverly Hills
Minutes for the Meeting of the Vestry
January 23, 2018

Attendees:

Vestry: Ken Sulzer, David Van Iderstine, Susan Humphreville, Dennis McGuckian, Maggie Reid, Jean-Marc Madelon, Bob Craft, Sydney Nichols, Ruth Loomis. Excused: Theresa Amy, Chris Cook

Clergy: Allison English, Nat Katz

Staff: Liz Ladizinsky, Jennifer Hill

Guest: Colleen Dodson Baker

Dinner was provided by Jean-Marc Madelon

Minutes Taker is Ruth Loomis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The opening Prayer was offered by Jennifer Hill

The Study was provided by Dennis McGuckian. The subject was about the Renaissance & Reformation and events that led up to them.

Report on "This Day Forward" by Colleen Dodson Baker

The meeting opened with a report from Colleen Dodson Baker reviewing the visit from representatives of ASBH – Colleen, Brian Ide, and others at the premiere of the film, "This Day Forward" in Iowa. Improvements to sound and picture were made since the screening in L.A., and the quality was wonderful. It was very well received and a moving experience for all involved. Other updates: They are looking to do a screening on the Sony lot; all of the All Saints' involvement has been tagged on IMDb; there are discussions on who is to distribute it – they will send to Sony Faith Based Films. Other film festivals are being considered.

Thanks were given to Ruth Loomis, Jean-Marc Madelon & Joe Becci for their four years of vestry service.

Senior Warden Sydney Nichols read a list of reminders re: vestry rules and protocols.

The minutes of the December 19 vestry meeting, the December 19 Executive Session meeting of the vestry, and the January 3, 2018 meeting (a total of three sets of meetings) were approved.

The Clergy Report was given by Allison English

- Allison expressed gratitude for the way we sent off Steve Huber before he retired on January 14.
- In the absence of an interim rector, Sydney has attended the last two staff meetings. Otherwise, we are doing business as usual in the countdown until Bob Dannals gets here.
- Financial Peace has kicked off with 20 participants, the majority of which represent the younger demographic of the parish.
- This Saturday we are hosting the Bishop's Ball for entire Diocese – 200 youth came to the one last year. Not expecting quite the same turnout based on current sales, but it should be a fun event.
- This Sunday launching a Baker's Dozen of small groups.
- Also offering a one-time class, "What is Christian Art?" on Wed Feb 7 at 7PM.
- Feb 3 – we are providing space for a screening of the film, "Ordinary Couple." Any profits above cost will be donated to LGBT mission.
- Feb 13 - Jazz & Jambalaya – special night before Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 (which is also Valentine's Day) when there will be 8:00AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM services. As it turns out, Easter is April 1!
- Pastorally we have seen a big uptick, which is somewhat usual for January. There was the Martinkovic tragedy; a lot of people have fallen or broken something; some parishioners have been hospitalized with the flu. Betsy Anderson has been great – she anointed someone who broke his/her hip. The whole Pastoral team has been great.

Financial Report by Susan Humphreville (full report attached as Attachment A)

- November 2017 – Revenues were below budget due to primarily to weakness in pledge collection. November operating loss of \$51,000.
- Dashboard – 1/22/18 8% below budget, 10% above last year. 2% above for operating expenses.
- The market was quite strong in 2017, and we received a large bequest, so aggregate investments are valued at \$4.75 million

compared with \$2.72 million at the end of 2016.

- Questions were asked by members of the vestry and answered by Susan and Liz.

The November Financial report for November was accepted and approved.

The staff is really good at keeping to budget – it is revenue we struggle with. We are close to breaking even, thanks in part to market help. There was discussion about the impact of a market drop. Seven percent of our revenue budget comes from distribution of earnings from the endowment.

Profile Leadership Committee Update by Sydney Nichols

The committee met on Sunday, January 21, which was also attended by Sydney in her role as Senior Warden. They members elected Kevin Yoder as Chairman. The other members are Martha Groves, Andrew Fuglini, Greg Pullis, Jeff Healy, Millie Hanson, Ted Dodd, Chris Winchell & Tony McQuilkin. They already have ideas on who is going to call whom to recruit to assist in the various duties that are necessary to complete the Parish Profile. They asked what their time frame is. Ruth recommended that they use the book, Calling Clergy by Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, copies of which were given to a group of vestry members by Joanna Satorius, the transition officer for the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Interim Rector Job Description – Ruth Loomis

Ruth shared hard copies of the draft of the Interim Rector Job Description that Sydney and Theresa Amy had prepared, along with sample interim rector job descriptions received from the Diocese as well as the one created for All-Saints-by-the-Sea in Santa Barbara. Members of the vestry were asked for comments or additions. A final draft will be prepared and presented for approval at the next vestry meeting.

Administrative Report – Jennifer Hill

- Refurbishment of the Rectory is going to take place before Bob Dannals and Valerie get here; Jennifer gave details.
- Church grounds – new lights have been installed on trees and patio. The front gate by main office and Presbyterian Church is going to be raised. Report continued with other maintenance details.
- New access points have been installed for WiFi
- German has been out for 6 weeks – carpal tunnel surgery.
- Security Guard is going to be hired for the Bishop's Ball.
- New facility use contract being created – all AA groups have to sign

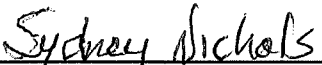
- it. Still working on Active Shooter training.
- Comstock condo tenants moved things out of Condo. There will be a meeting with the Bishop and Diocesan representative to get the sale approved.

The closing prayer was delivered by Nat Katz.

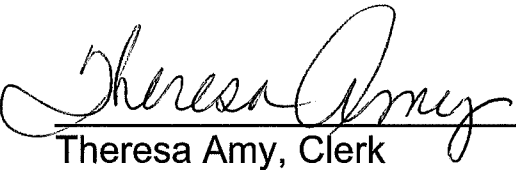
The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.



Sydney Nichols, Senior Warden



Theresa Amy, Clerk