

All Saints' Parish Beverly Hills
Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry on May 28, 2019

Attendees: Clergy: Nat Katz, Will Stanley; Staff: Jennifer Hill; Vestry: Theresa Amy, Chris Cook, Marissa Flaxbart, Millie Hansen, Lisa Holguin, Gerrie Maloof, Dennis McGuckian, Bill Lincoln, Gary Roberts, Ken Sulzer, Kevin Yoder

Excused: Susan Humphreville

Meal: Bill Lincoln

Minutes: Marissa Flaxbart

Gary Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Millie Hansen led an opening prayer.

Study: Gerrie Maloof led a study focusing on Romans 12, including a *Lectio Divina* and discussion of what the passage might call us to do or act in the month ahead. "How to make the aspirational inspirational?"

Administration:

- Motion to approve minutes of the April meeting passed.
- Chris Cook gave an update on Stewardship. Jodi Giles has sent around 45 letters to past donors who aren't currently pledging. Liz Ladizinsky put together a list of 25 regular attendees who are not pledging members. Vestry members each chose two names from this list contact personally.
- There will be two welcome dinners with Janet (June 19 and 27) which major donors have been invited. Response has been excellent, so we expect them to be well attended.
- The next Vestry meeting will be at Susan Humphreville's home, where we'll meet for an hour between 6 and 7pm, followed by a celebration with Janet, the search committee, and the profile committee. Spouses/partners are invited.
- Gerrie suggests that perhaps we should consider restarting a Planned Giving Committee. Chris to look into this.
- Jason Franklin's last day is June 14. He is trying to complete as much as possible before that date.

Interim Ministry Report:

From Nat Katz:

Outreach Update: New Laundry Love chapter with IKAR and Thad's (started October 2018) is averaging 30 guests and 100-120 loads of laundry per night. Expecting another 20-30% growth by this Fall. Approx. 80% of constituency are working poor/fixed income families, while 15-20% are homeless/living on the street. Seeds of Hope has been bringing produce to these nights, and everything they bring gets taken home by attendees. We're hoping to find partners in the area to provide hot meals to attendees each month.

The Beverly Hills outreach grant has been renewed. A committee has been formed to make and approve grants from the fund, and they are working to discern what our role is — we want to avoid creating a dependency on the part of the recipients, focusing instead on unique or emergency scenarios.

The Faith Forum in May featured representatives from the various outreach ministries.

Liturgical Update:

Weekly attendance is holding steady. May has been our lowest month so far in 2019, but that's as expected. Even so, average attendance is 400, up from 390 in 2018.

Rector Janet Broderick will be preaching each of the first three Sundays after her arrival (with the exception of AS2 on June 23, at which Bryan Jones will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ministry).

Taize and Evensong are on hold for the summer months (June/July/August).

20s/30s Update:

We are seeing a new cohesion within this ministry in the aftermath of the February retreat. On the lookout for potential new leadership from within the group's ranks. Tomorrow (May 29th) the group has organized an outing to a Moth Storytelling night on the theme of Worship.

From Will Stanley:

Pastoral Care Update:

Unfortunately, recent months have seen the passing of four integral members of our congregation. Clergy is cognizant of the need to find a way to discuss coping with suicide in the wake of David Seck's death. After Janet's arrival, we hope to plan for programing to address this issue more robustly.

Will is looking at ways to restructure the pastoral care team following Gretchen Carl's departure. Betsy Anderson continues to be a great asset.

Vestry members are entreated to come to clergy if they hear of anyone in the congregation with pastoral care needs (i.e., don't just assume the clergy has been alerted).

Adult Formation Update:

Clergy has been in touch with Janet so that the future of adult formation can begin to be planned. Janet has been supportive of suggested ideas.

We will again have a robust Small Groups offering in the Fall. The hope is to create an increased continuity between the theological grounding of the groups.

Regarding 9am Faith Forum, Bob Dannals's goal (bring formation back to Sunday morning) has largely been achieved. This is will likely continue in some way after Janet's arrival.

Financial Report: Susan Humphreville is absent, but sent a detailed report in advance of the meeting for our review and questions. (see attached report).


Parish Administration (Jennifer Hill):

Buildings and Grounds Update: The kitchen will be fumigated on June 4. A new phone system will be installed June 7. The rectory floors are being redone. All the old furniture in the rectory has either been donated or repurposed.

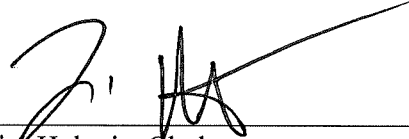
Other Business:

- 6 delegates and 2 alternates are needed for Diocesan Convention, November 15-16. The following individuals volunteered:
Delegates: Chris Cook, Marissa Flaxbart, Bill Lincoln, Dennis McGuckian, Gary Roberts, Kevin Yoder. Alternate: Mille Hansen
- Vestry Nominating Committee: Junior and Senior Wardens will serve as ex-officio members of this committee. Steve Fleenor has indicated that he is willing to stay on. Vestry members should each come up with a couple of potential names by the June meeting.
- Vestry Training will be planned for a future date so that we can look at roles and goals for members.
- Ken Sulzer inquired about the archive project. This was another area where Gretchen Karl was working, and now that she has moved we should not let this ball drop.
- Dennis passed out 2017-2018 attendance summary.

At 8:40 p.m. the meeting entered executive session.



Gary Roberts, Senior Warden



Lisa Holguin, Clerk