

## All Saints' Beverly Hills

### Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on

June 27, 2017

#### Attendees:

**Clergy:** Steve Huber, Allison English

**Vestry:** Joe Becci, Bob Craft, Chris Cook, Jean Marc Madelon, Sydney Nichols, David Van Iderstine, Ruth Loomis, Dennis McGuckian and Maggie Reid.

**Staff:** Liz Ladizinsky and Jennifer Hill

**Excused/Absent:** Susan Humphreville, Theresa Amy and Ken Sulzer

**Bob Craft** provided the meal.

**Joe Becci** called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Maggie Reid** led the attendees in prayer.

**David Van Iderstine** led the monthly study. He handed out a package of materials to attendees on the proposed full-communion between Episcopalians and Methodists. The discussion on this communion considered differences between the two denominations and Steve reviewed the basic framework and also the experience of the communion with Lutherans.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Allison English** led a discussion on the Fall 2017 program at All Saints'. She advised that the traditional classes would be on hiatus and that All Saints' would be launching a comprehensive new approach to Adult Formation. The vision for it is to use small groups to engage the entire All Saints' community in Spirit-led, intentional faith explorations that result in transformed lives. The plan is for groups to use a unifying text, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren. The small groups will be formed both on-location at All Saints' and in homes throughout the greater Los Angeles area. The groups will gather in various ways with various formats with conveners gathering interested people to embark in exploring what it means to "seek aliveness" in their Christian journey.

On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> a catalog of potential groups will be published and those interested will indicate their preferences. A key to success for the program is gaining a commitment for 10 weeks commencing September 10 until the week of November 12. The groups will be led by conveners, who will attend one of two training sessions on July 15<sup>th</sup> or August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Allison referenced a wall map covered with numerous post-it notes showing where our 1,000 members live by zip code. She highlighted the fact that very few of our parishioners actually live in a Beverly Hills zip code.

**Reverend Steve Huber** provided the Rector's Report.

- Steve emphasized the importance of the small group concept as presented by Allison.
- Advised that Aija Gibson has been hired for 10 hours/week to lead the Tiny Church ministry.
- Steve gave a “shout out” to Scott Taylor for his tireless work to aid those parish members in need.
- He also gave a “shout out” to Dawn Stroupe for getting Camp Camden off to a great start this summer.
- He noted the cast of “To Kill a Mockingbird” is working hard and advised of the efforts of Ashley Stiles Turek and David Van Iderstine to help James Chalke with promotion. A sample pamphlet for the play with advertising options was distributed and discussed.
- He mentioned that on June 26<sup>th</sup> there was celebration at the rectory for the cast and crew of the movie.
- Steve advised that the Monaco Boys Choir will have a concert at All Saints’ on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- A former parishioner, Jody Giles, will join us to celebrate the release of her new book, *Missing Pieces Plan*, and share its contents on July 16<sup>th</sup> in an “All Saints’ Cares” workshop. Everyone is invited to a book-signing and complimentary lunch and the workshop.

**Sydney Nichols** presented the Financial Report in a new Dashboard format, which she summarized as projecting a \$100,000 shortfall for the full year.

**Joe Becci** noted that a low number of non-re-pledging parishioners had actually left All Saints’ and that the average pledge has remained consistent the last few years at \$4,000.

The Financial Report was approved.

**Joe Becci** set a deadline of July 9<sup>th</sup> for comments on the draft movie-making LLC Operating Agreement (“OA”) and for any questions concerning the explanatory memo submitted along with it by outside counsel, which should be sent to Susan Humphreville. Susan will then compile those comments and questions and work with outside counsel to address them ahead of the July 25 Vestry meeting. Joe Becci expressed a desire to vote on the LLC OA on July 25. David Van Iderstine noted that the memo calls for the creation and approval of several other documents as well.

**Joe Becci** next handed out a list of potential members and their photos for the Vestry Nominating Committee (“VNC”). After some discussion it was agreed unanimously that spouses of current Vestry members would be excluded from consideration as members of the VNC. He also advised that all proposed nominees were pledging members and after a review of each person on the list and their ministry All Saints’ each Vestry member voted for 5 nominees. Joe Becci closed the issue by saying that he and Ruth Loomis would approach the top vote getters in order to fill the open positions on this committee.

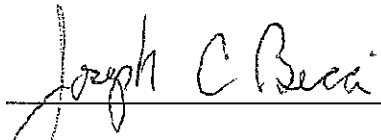
Next **Joe Becci** passed out a color coded sheet summarizing the “brain-storming” effort completed at the Vestry retreat. Given the late hour he asked Vestry members to review the sheet and be prepared to discuss it at the next Vestry meeting.

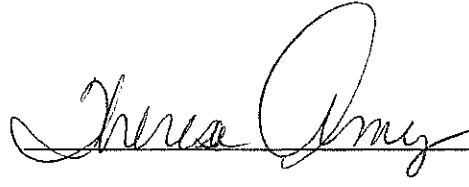
The next meeting will be July 25, 2017. There will not be an August vestry meeting, due to the Choir Pilgrimage.

**Reverend Steve Huber** led the attendees in a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

**Dennis McGuckian** prepared the minutes.

  
Joe Becci - Senior Warden

  
Theresa Amy - Clerk