

All Saints' Parish, Beverly Hills

Minutes of Vestry Meeting held on

Oct 27, 2015

Vestry Members: Neville Anderson, Joe Becci, Bob Craft, Colleen Dodson-Baker, Steve Fleenor, Brian Ide, Ruth Loomis, Peter Lu, Kim Meyer, Sydney Nichols, Maggie Reid

Staff: Debbie Gauer, Jennifer Hill, Elizabeth Ladizinsky

Excused: Bob Craft, Peter Lu

Dinner provided by Sydney Nichols

Minutes Taker: Maggie Reid

Prayer (Sydney Nichols): Sydney read the Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Presentation of 2014 Audit (Renee Ordeneaux & Adam Jones):

Renee went over the Financial Statements Packet. She said that things went smoothly this year. She explained why there is a modified opinion. Renee went over the Statement of Financial Position. The biggest change being that our investments increased. Renee went over the Statement of Activities. Adam discussed Reconciliation Page. Renee went over the Statement of Functional Expenses and Statement of Cash Flows. She also pointed out Recording Depreciation, with the sale of the property last year. Renee went over the final notes in the packet.

Study (Maggie Reid):

We discussed how God opens doors for us when we pray to him for direction. We read Acts 12: 1-11. We read a story about Amy Williams who works with gangs in Chicago to help bring them hope. We broke up into small groups and talked about when God has opened doors for us, how we knew it was God's work, and when we need God to open doors for us, what do we pray for?

Approval of Minutes (Kim Meyer):

The minutes of the August meeting were approved. The minutes for the September meeting were approved. Minutes were signed.

Rector's Report (Steve Huber):

Steve thinks we have had a really energetic fall so far. The Jesus Church class was great. Allison did a great job organizing it. Suzanna did a 2-week Sunday morning class on the issue of money, 26 people were there. Sam Williamson did a wonderful presentation starting with Meyers Briggs. Robert Willis' Jazz was well received. All these things are good standing alone. But they are helping to build the momentum of energy around the place. We're excited about Rob Bell coming on Sunday. Brian McClaren will be here on Nov 4th. We have a renewed energy in our Children/Youth/Family Ministries. Great turn out at the BBQ. "Clergy search, we have identified two attractive candidates. We are bringing them to All Saints'. I feel good about these candidates as does Allison. If you have a chance to meet them please give us feedback." (Steve H.) Jerry Maloof has been invited to help organize a strategic plan. Steve is very happy with Michael Curry and all the positive attention he is bringing to the Episcopal Church. Allison has been doing a great job with AS2.

Open Discussion (Debbie):

All Saints' Sunday: Rob Bell is speaking on Sunday. We will have brunch for everyone. Allison has reached out to all the babies born in 2014 and 2015 (the class of 2032). A photo-booth will be set-up for parishioners to take photos. Debbie needs people to help wrangle people to take photos. Steve will put Pledge cards by the photo booth. There will be nametags in the office that say "Vestry" for us.

Stewardship Report (Debbie):

Update on where we are with the campaign. This week the Annual Campaign Committee is contacting every household about All Saints' Sunday. Giving Tuesday (after Thanksgiving) we will have a presence that day via texting, emails, social media etc. We want to be "The Church that gives Religion a good name!" on social media. Kim discussed Amazon Smiles, and that we need to encourage everyone to sign up! Joe thinks we need to Use social media to encourage people, even non-parishioners, to give money to the church because of all the good we do.

Pledge Report (Debbie):

We got four more pledges this week. 2015 pledges are up to 345. 2016 pledges are up from 24 to 26. 15 are increases, 2 are new ones one of those is a plate transfer.

Financial Report (Steve Fleenor):

With respect to revenues, the month of August was a good month due to the receipt of a "Special Gift" of \$50,000; however on a year-to-date basis, we remain challenged due to a large shortfall in "Pledged Income." Through August, we've collected \$117k less than the prior year. The preliminary results from September are disappointing. In fact, September proved to be the weakest month of 2015 with \$83k in collections. With regards to expenses, we continue to outperform budget, although not enough to make up for our shortfall in revenue. With this said, despite the fact that through August we have generated a loss of \$235k, that loss compares favorably to the budgeted loss of \$284k. In short, through August, we are \$49k ahead of budget (on a bottom line basis). I caution all here that the budget was built assuming big collections in November and December, \$150k and \$250k plus a \$200k transfer from the Music Endowment. Pray these materialize.

Administration (Jennifer Hill):

New front doors are showing up in 2 weeks. Plumbers are coming on Thursday morning to take care of the nursery. They know what they're doing. Ordered new faucet for the men's room downstairs. It's been out of commission for a while. She found one for \$247 at Home Depot and they will try to install them. Open enrollment is starting. She is going to a meeting on the 9th. She's got the names for all the Safe Church stuff. She'll get log-ins for everyone. Our roof is fixed today.

Other Business:

- Sign the Endorsement for Ordination to the Priesthood Form for Greg Milliken
- Reminder to **delegates** to reserve their hotel rooms for Diocesan Convention if they have not done so already – deadline is 11/20/15; Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting is this Saturday, 10/31/15, at St. James', Wilshire

ASBH Movie (Brian):

Movie is being edited now. We think we'll present it in January. There will be more discussions. We were thinking about finding a screening space to show the movie. Or at church we could do a meal etc. Maybe we could have a Q&A panel etc.

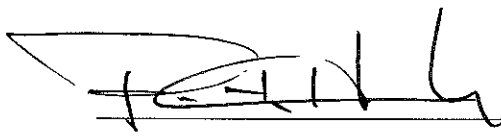
Steve ended in prayer.

Meeting finished at 9:22pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.



Kimberly Meyer – Senior Warden



Peter Lu - Clerk