

All Saints' Beverly Hills
Minutes of Vestry Meeting held on
October 25, 2016

Vestry Members Present: David Van Iderstine, Ruth Loomis, Joe Becci, Colleen Dodson-Baker, Bob Craft, Brian Ide, Ken Sulzer, Sydney Nichols, Maggie Reid, Jean-Marc Madelon, Theresa Amy

Vestry Member Excused: Steve Fleenor

Clergy: Steve Huber

Staff Present: Debbie Gauer, Jennifer Hill

Dinner Provided by: Colleen Dodson-Baker

Call to Order: Senior Warden Joe Becci called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Prayer: Clergy Steve Huber led the prayer

Art Auction Update: Jim Keagy

Jim proposed changing name from Art Auction to Art and Gift Auction. It will take place on Sunday December, 4th 2016 (6-9 PM). Proposed ticket will cost \$50/person. So far to-date we have a total of 82 gifts donated – 15 gifts are currently on church premises and a possible 25 additional items are to be donated.

Karen Schmidt, who has worked on the Pasadena art auction, is helping with logistics, along with Jennifer Fain and Bonnie McClure. Joe Becci will be part of organizing the food and bar team of volunteers.

Jim encouraged us to invite people beyond the parish and outside our circle who enjoy art, and purchasing gifts for the holidays.

Study: postponed until the next meeting.

Discussion and Presentation Items:

Rector's Report:

Applause for David Van Iderstine; Steve thanked him and all of the hard work he did to get Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to visit our parish. Mayor Eric Garcetti was a great speaker, and the experience was made even better when he stayed for the duration of the service and greeted everyone and took pictures on the patio.

Following the "Reconcile" screening event, and a positive response to a posting about it by Jason to a national listserv of Episcopal communications officers, Brian sent the film to all the U.S. Bishops. He had overwhelming responses that are still being gathered. Bishop Knisely from Rhode Island, and the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande wrote back to Brian about their support for Reconcile, and five

dioceses have indicated that they plan to build a program around the film. Brian will compile the online interviews and comments from all the Bishops and present them to us when they are ready.

The Wednesday night classes on the theme of Reconciliation have been very successful.

This coming Sunday November 6, 2016, the parish welcomes Lisa Sharon Harper, writer of "The Very Good Gospel" from Sojourners.

Steve Huber acknowledges that there have been a number of parishioners passing away in recent months. Maggie talked about putting together an All Saints' online directory, so other parishioners would be able to put a face to these names.

Steve Huber reported that attendance for the Synoptic Gospels gathering have been low and he will make additional announcements to the parish and he will also talk with Nat Katz about making some announcement at the 11:30 service.

Staff reviews are coming up. Gerrie Maloof will play a role in looking for common themes & synergies as we move to the next step in carrying out the strategic plan.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting of the Vestry were circulated in advance. A motion to approve minutes was made, seconded and approved with a small edit to correct the spelling of someone's name.

Stewardship:

Debbie Gauer reported that the All Saints brochure and pledge cards have gone out and have been well received. The blessings of parish members involved in the myriad missions of All Saints' during each of the three Sunday services will continue – this Sunday it will be those involved in pastoral care.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, the newly designed bulletin will be unveiled. Also happening, in addition to the ingathering of pledges, will be recognition of the planned giving pledgers, a CAST scavenger hunt in Beverly Hills as well as the Parish wide Sunday Pot Luck.

State of the Parish:

Financials:

Sydney Nichols reports: In the month of August, revenues almost covered expenses. Year to date (through August) total expenses of \$1.4M exceeded revenues of \$1.2M by \$200K. Differences between budgeted and actual expenses are detailed in the financial report mailed to Vestry members last week. Net revenues from the various fundraising campaigns that are included in administrative expenses are as follows (none of these was budgeted):

LBGT reception \$ 3,418

12 Angry Men \$ 12,636

Total net revenue: \$ 16,054

Usually, our expenses are in line with budget. However, as stated, YTD Administrative Expenses are \$12,900 (13%) above budget.

Net revenues are included in the Administrative category. If we take out LBGT and 12 Angry Men net revenues, administrative YTD expenses are approximately \$29K or 29% above budget.

Note that the \$11,000 negative variance re: auditor's fees is the result of timing and will come in on budget. So, when we go on to projecting year end expenses, we will assume administrative expenses will come in on budget in Oct, Nov and Dec and will finish the year \$18,000 above budget, not \$29,000.

The financial report was accepted and approved.

Administration: Jennifer Hill reported that the air conditioning unit repairs continue as the problems with it unfold. The sinking floor boards in the copy room have been replaced. We have new gardeners who are doing a good job. We need to look into new contractors and review our current contracts with Smart Source Copiers.

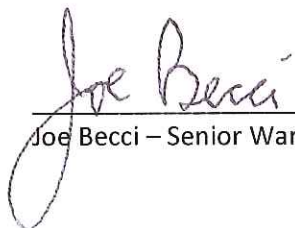
The Property tax rebate for the Rectory may take a bit longer but the process is in motion. The Los Angeles county accessor needs to approve it.

Steve Huber talked about preparation for the Diocesan Convention starting on December 2 2016. Recorded interviews with the Bishop Coadjutor candidates are available to be viewed online. The Diocesan Convention Dec. 2-3 will elect a successor to Bishop Jon Bruno upon his retirement.

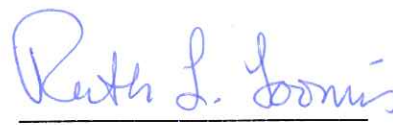
Steve Huber asked us to sign the endorsement of the ordinations of Christopher Montello and Christian Anderson.

At 8:45 pm Rev. Steve Huber led us in closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Jean-Marc Madelon



Joe Becci – Senior Warden



Ruth Loomis – Clerk