

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Regular Vestry Meeting
September 17, 2018

PRESENT: The Rev. Mike Adams, Rector; Cynthia Caruso, Associate Rector; Anne Province, Senior Warden; Bill McLellan, Junior Warden; Cynthia Beeman; Amy Easterling; Olga Garza; Alan Nelson; Charles Stuart (via phone); Kate Wood; Patricia Goubil-Gambrell, Treasurer; Sandra Kelley, Clerk.

ABSENT: Brandon Janes; Karen Mountain; Gary Thompson; Robert Wells.

GUEST: Joe Jack, Auditor from Dunagan & Jack, LLP

DEVOTIONAL: Alan Nelson asked for the vestry members to pause and reflect on that place that takes them closer to God. Charles Stuart will present the devotional in October.

MINUTES: Sandra Kelley

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with an editorial modification.

FREATURED CONVERSATION: Joe Jack, Auditor

Joe Jack presented all vestry members in attendance a copy of the recently completed 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' report. This includes the Operating Budget of the Parish, All Saints' Episcopal Day School, the Endowment Fund of All Saints' and the All Saints' mission program, the Front Porch. Joe announced that the audit for 2017 is underway and will hope to have it completed by December meeting.

TREASURER: Patricia Goubil-Gambrell

The Financial Report as presented from the Finance Committee was approved on voice vote.

There were two items in the 2019 Budget about which the Treasurer received questions: 1) the music license of \$840 for copyright privileges, and it was explained in that it covers the music printed each week in the Sunday pew sheet and special services such as Easter; 2) the determinations of our Diocesan Asking, which was explained as being based on 10% of the operating revenue from previous year. It appears that the 2019 Asking will be less than 2018, but the actual amount assessed from the diocese has not been received yet.

The bookkeeper reports that as of September 17 we have received pledges totaling \$31,800 for 2019 that includes 7 new pledges in the amount of \$4740 and an increase in previous pledges of \$1180. The net increase in pledges from 2018 at this early stage is \$5920.

OLD BUSINESS:

The vestry was asked to ratify the electronic votes on both the "cartoon" for the stained glass window replacement and for the additional rectory fencing. The e-votes were approved on voice vote.

An update on the upcoming All Saints' Festival: Olga Garza is now assisting the Tour of Homes committee. Cynthia Beeman reports that 4 homes are on the list, 2 historic homes, the current rectory, and one other. There was discussion of charges for the tour and committee members are still in need of persons to act as docents at some locations.

The Friday Dance committee, with Robert Wells, Brandon Janes and Amy Easterling are still working on plans for the Friday affair, which will feature snacks and drinks, music likely supplied by an in-house DJ.

There was continued discussion of just how to charge for each event - the dance, the homes tour, and the Sunday BBQ. A suggestion was for \$60 that would cover all of the event but still working on what fees to charge for each individual event. A suggestion was \$25 per person for each event. Some suggestion was made that the Endowment be asked to aid in the funding of the event. There was also a suggestion that T-Shirts with the logo "We Are All Saints" be made available for sale at \$15 each. Amy Easterling will follow up on the t-shirt suggestion.

JUNIOR WARDEN: Bill McLellan

The report from the Facilities Director was forwarded to all vestry persons. In addition, the Junior Warden reported that the mural at the landing to the north wing of Gregg House is in need of restoring and the Buildings and Grounds Committee is on it. Doug Jaques did the original.

SENIOR WARDEN: Anne Province

Anne presented names for consideration as new vestry members to be elected in November. When they have been contacted and agree to serve the names will be announced to the parish. Also presented for consideration were nominees for delegates and alternates to Diocesan Council. They also will be presented to the parish when all have been contacted and agree to their names being put on the slate. All names presented were approved for consideration. The parish elections will be Nov. 18.

Pledge letters from the Rector and Senior Warden will be going out this next week.

Anne also reminded the vestry that a lunch is scheduled with Dena Harrison, Suffragan Bishop, for Sunday, September 30, after the 10:30 service. She requested a count of those would be on hand for lunch and who would be willing to report on the various programs of All Saints'. Bill McLellan, Junior Warden, will give her an update on the Buildings and Grounds improvements, Charles Stuart on Outreach, and Kate Wood on the expanded revitalized children and youth programs.

NEW BUSINESS;

The Rev. Eric Holloway, UT Campus Missioner, has requested approval from the vestry for an extensive landscaping project around the north side (27th street) of the church property that leads to the Student Center. He has been working with Gregg Free of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on the proposal. It will enhance the look of the entrance to the Student Center. The Diocese of Texas will fund the project. The vestry gave voice vote approval.

CLERGY REPORTS: Cynthia Caruso

The first of the three Sharing Faith lunches was on September 16, with 18 people attending. All will be held in Kinsolving Parish Hall. The lunches are based on the dinners suggested by the Diocese for coming together and sharing a meal and what our Christian faith means in our lives. The next lunch will be October 14.

Mike Adams:

Reminded the vestry of the calendar items included on the agenda. There were 21 that attended the Discovery Class for those considering Confirmation, Reception or Renewal of Confirmation.

We have many reasons to rejoice at the start of a good fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Sandra Kelley,
Clerk