

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Regular Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020
Via Zoom Conferencing

PRESENT: Lane Hensley, Interim Rector; Brian Hopper, Senior Warden; Gregg Free, Junior Warden; Cynthia Beeman; Matt Davis; Phil DeFalco; Darla Desormes-Smith; Kit Garven; Joe Lostracco; Carol Moczygamba; Jan Triplett; Sandra Kelley, Clerk; Patricia Goubil-Gambrell, Treasurer.

ABSENT: Robert Wells

GUESTS: Nancy Crichlow, Cindy La Porte

OPENING PRAYER: The Rev. Lane Hensley

MINUTES: Sandra Kelley

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

RECTOR'S REPORT: Lane Hensley

Lane shared a comment from fellow rector, John Newton of St. Michael's here in Austin, "We find we are caught between the individual need with mission imperative, taking the gospel out into our world and the desire to be together. It is at odds with the desire to be safe."

The Interim Rector began the discussion around the survey for regathering. As was expected there was no clear consensus as to how regathering could be done in a prudent and safe way. How to behave for the good of the community to worship and keeping in minds the rights of individuals. In this light an Ad Hoc committee of worship, safety will be formed to aid in creating a strategy on how to meet the needs of the congregation. It will consider all ways for community worship – in the church, outside and/or Kinsolving Hall and the timing of any such gathering. It was a vestry requests that any plans be implemented slowly and with consideration of the area wide situation.

The results of the survey can be found on the All Saints' website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patricia Goubil-Gambrell

The Finance report presented by the Finance Committee was accepted and passed on voice vote.

Good news, as was reported on the cover notes from the bookkeeper, we are holding our own income/expenses wise with the deficit remaining a moving target. The Finance Committee had originally deferred accepting the Diocesan offer to have three months of the Assessment reimbursed. But with new information from the Diocese we have been encouraged to accept the offer. The Executive Committee recommended that we accept the offer and we have made the appropriate application.

At the recommendation of the Executive Committee we will to not look into applying for PPP.

We have a potential new hire for the bookkeeper position. The Interim Rector is finalizing the details.

Requested information has been shared with the recently formed Stewardship Committee on the budget and pledges, to assist them in implementing a Stewardship plan.

DAY SCHOOL REPORT: Nancy Crichlow, Cindy LaPorte

Cindy referred to the full report she presented to the vestry. It included a detailed report on the budget impact due to the early school closure.

Nancy told of the end-of-school celebration that was held on Friday, May 15 complete with a car parade. In addition, the Orange Room Kindergarten graduates were permitted to enter the narthex, one at a time, wearing masks, with hands sanitized, were then allowed to ring the church bell. Cindy in the church, social distancing took their photo and presented them with a graduation certificate and cross lapel pin.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Crichlow presented the following names for vestry approval to the Board of Directors for the Day School: Jan Mabley and Anissa Ryland. Both names were accepted by the vestry on voice vote.

JUNIOR WARDEN: Gregg Free

Some long- range plans have been set aside for now. With the help of Joey Etheredge we are developing some technology improvements in the area of security, safety and health; items such as new type of doors for safe ingress/egress, extended ASA entrances, and updated fire suppression system. We have recently created a mailbox that eliminates the need for the mail delivery person to come into the building. It is on the front porch and is accessible to USPS, FedEx and UPS.

SENIOR WARDEN: Brian Hopper

Stewardship: Trish Conradt, JoLynn Free, Shannon Harris, Kay Hopper, and Wally Moore have accepted appointment to the Stewardship Committee.

We continue to work on safety issues as they apply to our ongoing Outreach programs, to allow them as much latitude as possible to aid those in need. Home Cooked Fridays will continue to be closed.

Now working on assembling folks via Zoom to begin the process of creating our Parish Profile in order to continue the process toward a new full-time rector.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Sandra Kelley
Vestry Clerk