

Minutes from the Vestry Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church

6/16/2020

Online Meeting from Remote Locations/Home

In Attendance: Edgardo Adoptante, Stephen Chan, Fr. Mark Collins, Sara Combs, Elaine Cunningham, Mike Geiger (Treasurer) Donna Laporta, Paul Louis, Sue Morgan, Susan Moscatello, Kathy Polo, Nancy Treacy, Ted Wagner

Unable to Attend: Eileen Murphy

6:00 pm

Opening Prayer

Children and Youth

Annamarie Tarleton joined the beginning of the meeting to share with the Vestry all that's happening with Youth and Family Ministries

- The two-day Mission Trip cancelled due to the Coronavirus
- Total of 39 children in All Saints' youth group (grades pre-K- to 12) that she communicates with regularly
- Beginning May 2020, began sending birthday cards to youth signed by her and the All Saints' family. Feedback has been extremely positive.

Prek-5th Grade:

- Early in the pandemic, and continuing for 3 weeks, Annmarie mailed out notes and weekly lesson plans to students. They loved getting mail!
- On Sundays at 9:30am, Pre-K-2nd grade meet and discuss weekly gospel lesson. Only 3 children call in regularly and 2 are siblings of those that attend the 3-5th grade class at 9:30am, so combined classes over the past few weeks.
- Played Zoom games a few times during meetings. Winners received a prize - gift card to Curious Reader. Andrew Combs and Claire Clark have won to date!
- Will continue classes throughout the summer. Summer schedule will be distributed soon. Classes will consist of bible lessons and games. (Bingo on June 28!)

Middle School:

- Middle School students have been "pen pals" to our older congregants. This has been going extremely well!
Cards have been sent to: Jean Stewart, Gert Kroll, Marianne Marino, Phyllis and Gordon Schultze, Marcia Diamantis, Dorothy M. Hayford, Hal and Carol Knapp, Jr., Sharon A. Olsen, Beverley Comeleo
- Middle School Youth have participated in 2 Pop-Up Youth Group meetings sponsored by the diocese. Feedback from the youth has been that they like these meetings, but prefer meeting with just the All Saints Youth Group. One meeting, so far. Kathy Polo and Annmarie plan to continue meeting throughout the summer.

College-Aged Youth:

- Started collecting emails for college-aged students so we can keep in touch with them after graduation. At this time, we send out care-packages once a year and I would like to have our youth be more engaged with our college students in the upcoming year.

Upcoming 2020-2021:

- **Prek-2nd Grade:** In the upcoming year, will have 4 children in this group. Will be reaching to Catherine, Leslie and Michelle to see what their plans are for 2020-2021.
- **3-5th Grade:** In the upcoming year, will have 8 children in this group. Sue Morgan is “retiring” from teaching this group on Sunday mornings. Annmarie will be taking over this group (hopefully with religious guidance from Sue!)
- **Middle School:** Upcoming year will have 11 students in this group. Kathy Polo and Annmarie will continue with this group. Kathy will take on a bigger admin role (ie., sending out emails to see who is available and keeping track of headcount for the meeting). Annmarie will continue to host the MS youth meetings at her home (when it is again safe/appropriate to have group gatherings).
- **High School:** In the upcoming year, we will have 10 students in this group. Historically, the HS group has been challenging with the ever-increasing responsibilities of high school years. Annmarie plans to talk with Fr. Mark about possible leaders for this group and activities that will enable this group to be more engaged in their religious studies.

Approval from May Meeting minutes

Amended and Approved minutes from June 9th Special Vestry Meeting

Abstained: Kathy Polo & Elaine Cunningham (from Special mtg minutes approval).

Finances

- Currently there is an overage due to the fact we are not meeting and using supplies
- All Saints’ has been approved for PPP Grant of \$45K
- This will be used towards salaries, benefits, and utilities
- Ward Herbert Group: Mike spoke with them. They are behind on payments. They will recommend All Saints’ get the \$19K for the roof.
- Stephanie will continue to sing on Sunday services (section leader)
- Building income: Dependent on when we begin letting people in the building?
- Prior to Covid-19 restrictions, four groups were regularly renting All Saints’ space
- Sunday night AA mtg with has been using the building or about 40 years and have continued to pay throughout the pandemic.
- Move to Accept the monthly financial report as submitted by the Treasurer (Mike Geiger)
- Monthly Report Accepted

Preschool (Finance)

- Since the distribution of the most recent letter to preschool parents, some additional requests for tuition refunds have been received.
- Have refunded almost \$12K
- Still need to reimburse proximately another \$6K
- Tuition being donated to All Saints, \$8K
- Hold for future tuition, \$7K

All Saints' Church Preschool (School Year Wrap-up)

- Letters to families and teachers will be sent with instructions for p/u of personal belonging
- Tuesday, 6/23/2020 is the pickup date
- Safe distance wave
- 9 am teachers
- 10 am parents
- No one in the building
- Setup tables where packed up items can be picked up

Moving Forward

- Still too early to know
- When church does open, online worship will continue until there is a COVID-19 vaccine, so those that are not comfortable coming into the building can still participate in worship
- Will to invest in some audio/video equipment to improve online presence
- Stephen made an educated guess that we will need to spend about \$3K on equipment
- May reach out to Joe Nassar and consult with him on solutions/equipment. (Joe is a professional in audio/video equipment). This will happen before the Nassar family moves away.
- Once Diocese guidelines re in-person worship, we will have to have a group (church) discussion to get a pulse on how comfortable parishioners are with in-person worship.

Other Business

- Fr. Mark taking vacation at end of June. One-week away w/ Denton, starting June 26th
- Outreach going well
- CASA may ask us to donate school supplies again. We may do this in a contactless way by creating a shopping list on Amazon.
- Vestry should again check-in with parishioners we called back in April/May
- Sara asked that Vestry members start thinking possible Vestry candidates when to fill slots of those members whose terms will end in January.

Meeting Wind Down

- Glimpses of grace
- Sue will distribute prayer partner names by mail
- Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Laporta, Clerk of the Vestry