

Minutes from the Vestry Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church

10/13/2020

Online Meeting from Remote Locations/Home

Vestry meeting is one week early as Fr Mark will be attending a conference, next week.

In Attendance: Fr. Mark Collins, Elaine Cunningham, Mike Geiger (Treasurer) Donna Laporta, Paul Louis, Sue Morgan, Kathy Polo, Nancy Treacy, Ted Wagner

Unable to Attend: Edgardo Adoptante, Stephen Chan, Sara Combs, Susan Moscatello, Eileen Murphy

Sue Morgan had to exit the vestry meeting at 7 pm to attend meeting of Religious Communities of Glen Rock

6:00pm

Opening Prayer

Devotional

Vespers [In your extended absence, you permit me] by Louise Gluck

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/49759/vespers-in-your-extended-absence-you-permit-me>

Amended and Approved September Meeting minutes

Finances

- Reviewed Financial Report
- \$15k loss was projected for the year. Currently we are operating at a \$10k loss
- We are 75% through the year and have received 76% of annual pledges made
- Move to Accept the monthly financial report as submitted by the Treasurer (Mike Geiger)
- Monthly Report Accepted

Building & Grounds

- Trying to address only critical issues
- Keeping close watch on Chapel & Playground since they are not being used regularly by preschool, or Sunday services
- Repair to the Chapel Bell Tower will be made
- Repair of a leak will be made. Water seeping in at foot of Chapel Stairs and leaking into what used to be the Preschool Office
- Grounds Cleanup Saturday Oct 17th, 2020
- Garth – Refurbishing/Replacing memorial plaque so that it can be updated with names of those interred
- A local vendor was found. Original memorial was manufactured by a company in Trenton and they no longer exists.
- Vestry inquired about how much it costs to be interred in the Garth. \$550 parishioners, \$750 non-parishioners

Annual Meeting

- Vestry Elections are/were scheduled to take place in January 2021, during the annual meeting
- Based upon the state of NJ laws that govern religious corporations, officers can only be elected via in-person voting (not remote, or mail-in)
- The Diocese's recommendation is that the terms of vestry members may be extended by one year
- Vestry members, Stephen Chan & Elaine Cunningham are coming to the end of their 2nd term - they will be asked if they would be willing to extend through the end of 2021
- Under normal circumstances, Sara Combs would have the option to serve for another 2-year term, as Warden – she will be asked if she would be willing to extend current term through the end of 2021
- Under normal circumstances, Ed Adoptante would have the option to serve for another 3-year term - he will be asked if he would be willing to extend through the end of 2021
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In-person Worship

- As we near the end of October, the 9 am, in-person service will have to move indoors, in the near future
- According to the long-term weather forecast app that Fr Mark uses, Sunday's (10/18) weather should allow for another outdoor service.

Rentals

- AA has begun holding in-person meetings, in the parish hall. No coffee/no snacks
- Prior to this AA had been holding in-person meetings outdoors, in the Garth
- 2 Performance/Musical youth groups are back using the Parish Hall for in-person meetings.
- All groups are following the diocesan guidelines provided to them by Fr. Mark/Christine
- These rentals are generating some income for the church, once again

Looking Ahead

- Stewardship Campaign
- Fellowship Events: Veterans Night, 3 Kings Party
- Christmas Service
- Should think about planning appropriate/safe events to coincide with events (above) that won't be able to take place in the All Saints' traditional manner. Perhaps something in lieu of some of the usually planned events

Meeting Wind Down

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

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Laporta, Clerk of the Vestry