

## Minutes from the Vestry Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church

2/23/2021

Online Meeting from Remote Locations/Home

**In Attendance:** Stephen Chan, Fr. Mark Collins, Sara Combs, Elaine Cunningham, Mike Geiger (Treasurer), Donna Laporta, Sue Morgan, Eileen Murphy, Kathy Polo, Ted Wagner

Unable to Attend: Edgardo Adoptante, Susan Moscatello, Nancy Treacy

**6:00pm**

### Opening Prayer

### January Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed and amended minutes
- Ted Wagner moved to approve, Eileen Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- Amended and Approved January Meeting minutes

### Annual Meeting

- Short discussion regarding the possibility of having a follow-up to the Annual Meeting once restrictions are lifted and we can meet in-person
- Brought up the fact that the Annual Meeting minutes from the years 2020 and 2019 will need to be reviewed and approved at the next Annual Meeting.

### Finances

- 2021 Financial Report, reviewed
- Nothing significant to report
- Little activity because the 2020 books are left open for the first 2 weeks of January for EoY processing
- Income, \$28K
- Expenses, 24K
- Mike applied for PPP
- Move to Accept the monthly financial report as submitted by the Treasurer, Mike Geiger.
- Elaine Cunningham moved to approve, Eileen Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- Vote to accept was unanimous
- Annual Financial Report Accepted

### Paul Louis

- We all fondly remembered Paul at the beginning of our meeting.
- The Louis family has decided to have Paul's remains interred in the All Saints' Garth with a small family service
- The Louis family will plan a Memorial Service open to all, in the future. Perhaps in one year
- Suggestion made that Vestry might pay for Paul's interment into the Garth.
- The cost is \$500 for parishioners, so perhaps \$50 per person, or whatever a person would like to contribute, Pastor's discretionary fund can subsidize the difference, if needed
- Since not all Vestry members are in attendance, this idea/proposal will be discussed further when we can all participate and give input
- Eileen brought up the idea of commemorating parishioners that died in the 1918 pandemic, as well as the 2020 pandemic with a plaque
- Fr Mark talked about having a church memorial for all parishioners that died during this pandemic

## **Vestry Position**

- Discussed the possibility of replacing Paul's spot in the Vestry
- Paul's term would have been up in January 2021
- Some names were mentioned as possible replacements
- Will consider and discuss further at next month's meeting

## **COVID-19 Restrictions**

- Fr. Mark presented the COVID-19 Reference Guide put together by the Diocese of Newark
- <https://dioceseofnewark.org/sites/default/files/resources/Journey%20Forward%202.0%20Quick%20Reference%20Guide%202020.12.14.pdf>
- Guide shows guidelines for churches based on risk level
- Guide is color coded (Red, Orange Yellow, Green) Red being the highest risk level
- Currently Bergen County is in the Red Zone
- The State of NJ classifies counties based upon multiple criteria: Daily New Cases per 100K, Infection Rate, Positive Test Rate, ICU Capacity Used, Vaccinated (1<sup>st</sup>)
- [https://covidactnow.org/us/new\\_jersey-nj/?s=1628569](https://covidactnow.org/us/new_jersey-nj/?s=1628569)

## **Ministry Reports**

### **Staying Connected**

- Discussed possible ways to help parishioners to feel connected
- Lawn Signs on the Church Lawn - Easter Signs
- Possibly have signs personalized by parishioners
- Perhaps setup camera and take a pic when placing their sign/egg
- Donna & Eileen will have a conversation w/ Julie Weber re: design of Lawn Sign/Easter Eggs
- Commemorate the one-year anniversary of the closure
- Personal connections (phone calls) with parishioners as was done earlier in the pandemic
- Youth Group will be re-starting letter writing/pen pals to shut-in parishioners
- Deliver Easter gifts to parishioners over the 50 days of easter
- Packages of candy, or flowers/plant
- Palms for Palm Sunday is unlikely
- Focus will be on the reading of the Passion
- Possibility of Virtual Palm Sunday Procession
- Parishioners can submit a video clip of them processing with a branch
- Kathy Polo offered to edit these together with music
- Easter Service may be recorded ahead of time, like Christmas
- Magic Show (Stephen Chan)
- All Saint's Talent Show via Zoom
- Incorporate Stephen's performance into Talent Show
- Possible time/season for this, Pentecost (May)
- Celebration Sunday to include acknowledging graduating HS seniors (June)

### **Healing Prayer**

- Reminder to register for Healing Prayer Dates

### **EfM**

- There are eight participants this semester

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Wed, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Wed, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Wed, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Wed, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Wed, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Wed, Mar 31<sup>st</sup> Evening Prayer – Led by Healing Prayer Ministry
- Fri, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Healing Prayer Ministry Meditation on Hope
- Sun, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- Sun, Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- Sat, May 8<sup>th</sup> Healing Prayer Ministry Quiet Day, 9:30 am to noon

**Meeting Wind Down**

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

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Laporta, Member of the Vestry