

**Minutes of All Saints' Vestry Meeting**  
**April 13, 2021**  
**7:00PM. Zoom from various locations**

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

Unable to Attend: Edgardo Adoptante

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM  
Fr. Mark opened with a prayer  
Review of agenda for the evening

**Review of Minutes from 3/16/21 meeting**

- Mike Geiger added correction to the Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet to read "Once the loan is forgiven the monies will become income"
- Kathy Polo offered correction on last bullet to read "As we are *on* a payment plan..."

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and minutes approved with one abstention (Eileen Murphy, who was not present at 3/16 meeting).

**Finance Report, presented by Treasurer Mike Geiger**

- Pledges continue to be ahead of budget due to early full payments. That margin will narrow as we progress through the year.
- Chapel Expenses as refer to all expenses of the chapel building, including parish offices
- Donations for non-operations, such as Healing Prayer contributions, are designated for that use exclusively and are accounted for on a separate balance sheet. The balances carry forward from year to year. Budgets in the financial report are refreshed annually.

Motion to approve the Finance report was seconded and report approved.

**Review of Call to Diocesan Convention**

- The 147<sup>th</sup> Diocese of Newark Diocesan Convention will take place outdoors on June 26, 2021.
- The convention is mandated to be held by New Jersey law.
- Fr. Mark will attend in person as Clergy Delegate from All Saints' Glen Rock.

- Sue Morgan and Elaine Cunningham will attend (possibly remotely due to COVID restrictions) as lay delegates from All Saints' Glen Rock.

### **Review of Parochial Report to the Diocese**

- Review of entire document regarding statistics on membership numbers, pledge forms received in 2020, marriages and burials, and ministries.
- We incurred roughly \$2200 in expenses related to livestream services due to COVID restrictions on gathering
- We have work to be done on mandated efforts to examine issues of Racial Justice and Reconciliation Sue Morgan has participated in the 10-session program created by the National Church called Sacred Ground.
- We propose offering the program every other week (one hour of video content plus readings) beginning in October 2021.

Report approved, to be signed by Treasurer Michael Geiger and Clerk Nancy Treacy, and submitted to Diocese tomorrow, April 14, 2021.

### **Discussion of return to in-person worship**

- Bergen country is still a Red Zone High Risk for COVID -19.
- Possibly offer a form of in-person worship outdoors, weather permitting, beginning in mid-May. Similar to autumn 2020, services will be at 9 AM, no music, with limited seating (last fall it was 25), with a the 10 AM livestream service with music (organ and cantor only) following.
- Will continue livestreaming indoor worship even when we return to fully in-person services.
- Numbers permitted, seat distancing TBD as pandemic subsides
- Choral singing will be last thing to return
- Fr. Mark hoping we can be fully in-person for services beginning with Kick-Off Sunday of the program year on Sept. 12, 2021
- Priest shortages in the Diocese and the National Church have prompted training and licensing for lay worship leaders. Jane Sullivan, Kate Gill and Nancy Treacy are participating in the current training program offered by the Diocese.
- Many favorable comments on the Bishop's Easter Video message and inclusion of greetings and photos of the parishes in the Diocese of Newark. We are stronger together.

### **Outreach Report**

- Sara Combs reported the ministry has enough remaining in the budget to fund one more dinner for St. Paul's. Pizza from John's Boy has been the offering this year. Suggested that donated breakfast items for the shelter be discontinued temporarily as they have ample supply.
- Food contributions for the pantry continue. Boxed, shelf-stable milk is a need to go with the cereal donations. Requested items list to be updated.
- Fresh Direct reusable bags are being collected. Eileen Murphy will bring bags and distribute when working at the pantry.
- Fresh produce is very much needed and rarely distributed. Bags of oranges and apples are listed in Items Need.
- North Porch donations are ongoing through Mother's Day.
- Youth Group and Children's book collection is ongoing through Mother's Day.
- Fr. Mark has located sandwich signs formerly used by the preschool to direct contributions to the front porch of the chapel building.

### **Healing Prayer Ministry**

- Elaine Cunningham updated on well-received March Zoom Meditation on Hope with Br. John of Holy Cross Monastery.
- Reminder of May 8 Quiet Day, "What Is Mine to Do?" facilitated by Dr. Westina Matthews.

Nancy Treacy proposed considering a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the next few years. Possibility to be explored in National Church resources.

### **Glimpses of Grace Concluding Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Treacy, Clerk of the Vestry