

ALL SAINTS' VESTRY MINUTES

Location: All Saints' Episcopal Church, Frederick MD via Zoom

Date: July 26, 2022
7:10 P.M.

Chair: Jill Browning, Senior Warden

Present: Jill Browning, Scarlett Gibb, Michael King, Lorraine Kituri, Hilary Pettigrew, Rachel Querry, Angie Richards, Mark Walker, Jay Boggs (Cornerstone Financial)

Absent/Excused: Dan Huebner, Sharon O'Rear, Roseann Russo, Toni Serinni, Waymon Wright

Opening Prayer: Jill Browning

Spirit Tracker: Michael King will be our spirit tracker for tonight. The spirit tracker works to reflect on 3 levels: 1) what I am sensing in myself, 2) what I am sensing all of us sharing, 3) what are you sensing in the conversation and how this is part of our vision or moving in a new direction.

Meeting Check-In: We looked at the check in board. We addressed the issue of counting. It is currently function in a way so that the person counting will ask the next person to count. Lorraine asked Rachel and Rachel asked Mark. Scheduling will take that personal connection away. One idea is to add a Trello list of whom has already completed a vestry task for the year so the next person may see who hasn't done it yet and whom to ask. It is ok not to be able to do one specific task, as long as you can do other tasks. In the end it was decided the ask will help us develop the skill to ask others to work with us.

Budget and Finance /Treasurer's Report (Jay Boggs):

Revenues are continuing to slide. This is a concern. We did have some additional costs for live stream.

Market volatility is still happening, and investments went down again in June.

Comment that we need to communicate the budget more often and clearly. The thought came up that when Rev. Amy and Rev Joe come on board it will be easier to approach others to give.

Consent Agenda:

Must have read the documents to approve.

No objections to the consent agenda and reports were approved with one spelling correction on the budget and finance committee report. A question regarding the closet that will cost more was asked, would like some explanation on where this is and what the use will be.

Action Item: Hilary will check on the use and location of the closet with Mary Beth

Action Item: How do we work with B&G to look at overall costs and address the reduction in revenue

Minutes

Agenda

Historic Renovation Committee

Stewardship Committee

Buildings and Grounds

Action Items:

Still collecting for Ken and Linda. Will close out the donations on August 7. On the action items list the non-completed items are at the top.

A tutorial was given on using Trello and how to access and use the tool.

Share and follow up from Sunday Workshop:

The staff will be meeting with Canon Mary on Wednesday.

Question regarding news coverage, should we share if we see it? Yes, please share with vestry.

Action Item: Jill will request a meeting with Rev. Amy and Rev. Joe to discuss moving forward with the vestry.

Action Item: Jill after the meeting with Rev Amy and Rev Joe, will ask Canon Joanna to come meet with the vestry to discuss actual process for moving forward including Amy and Joe.

Action Item: Jill will prepare an eblast for congregation.

Spirit Tracker:

Incredibly amiable meeting, even with confusion and misunderstanding we held others in empathy and had productive discussion. Budget was a bit somber. Consent agenda was nice, and questions were answered well. Hortatory moments. Explanatory elements. Somber and open discussion on moving forward. We should congratulate ourselves at being this way.

What went well

See the tracker

What could be done differently

Would like to end on time

Closing Prayer: Hilary Pettigrew