**ALL SAINTS’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Vestry Meeting**

**March 20, 2023**

**Present:** Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz, Father Ryan Macias, Liz Atkinson, Craig Riemer, Luke Polling, Janie Hilland, Steve Slaten, Stephanie McMorris, Piotr Gorecki, Kristin Varner. Shannon Wolf

**Clerk:** Laura McMorris **Absent:** Peggy Darlington, Brian Draper, Patricia Korzec, Treasurer-Jane Carney

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 with the reading of The Collect for the Feast of St. Joseph.

Mother Kelli Grace read a selection from The People of the Passion by Mary Betten that will be presented at the Readers Theater on the Wednesday of Holy Week.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Correct Shannan Wolf to Shannon Wolf, and renumber agenda items. Vestry Agenda was approved as corrected.

1. **Approve Minutes**

**M/S Riemer/Slaten** that minutes be approved as written. **Carried**

1. **Families, Children & Youth - Janie Hilland**

-Parents of small children and anyone interested in our Sunday School Program met yesterday after church. We had a good turnout.

-We plan to restructure with the older children splitting off at 10:15 for a lesson and game or activity related to the reading for the day (30 minutes).

-We will explore a formal curriculum over the summer. There are many things available including lessons online.

-Palm Sunday and Easter crafts are ready.

-Last Sunday School will be June 4th, with Vacation Bible School being the last week of June.

**Small Saints’ Children’s Ministry**

**A safe place for our children to grow in their faith and church community**

**Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to offer the children of All Saints’ a safe place to play, learn, and grow in their faith. We believe that comfortability, safety, support and friendship come first in their growing relationship with church. Our goal is to ensure that every child that walks into Small Saints’ and church as a whole feels welcome, safe and valued as they navigate childhood, friendship, and the story and love of God.*

1. **Music - Shannon Wolf**

-Luke Hilland is looking for musicians for Easter. Musicians cost $225 each. The Tempone is $250 due to additional cartage fee.

-We are still hoping to find a tenor lead.

-We are planning an Even Song event on June 4th under Father Ryan’s leadership. We will be collaborating with St. Georges.

1. **Hospitality and Health**

-Peggy Darlington fell and broke her hip. She is in alot of pain. She is at Riverside Community Hospital. Kathy Woodbury will step back into Peggy’s position until she returns.

-There will be a Maundy Thursday Mediterranean PotLuck Dinner before the service.

-We will have an Easter Brunch provided by the Vestry and Youth during the sacred Easter Egg Hunt.

1. **Outreach - Patricia Korzec**

-February and March were challenging times for the St. Michaels Food Share. The winter storms caused havoc in getting fresh food from Feeding America as the Grapevine was closed numerous times so trucks could not pass. Those weeks the supplies from Riverside and the canned goods from the St. Michael’s kitchen sufficed in feeding those brave enough to come out in the storm. It would be great if we could restock their shelves with canned food donations from our parishioners.

-Our numbers almost doubled, and will continue to grow as the housing units are starting to be filled. New Faces! We will need to find new ways to contribute. Patricia has found a source to donate enough funding each month to secure another “share” for distribution. We now need more volunteers to pick up donations and to help sort and bag the goods.

-We have begun gathering items for foster child backpacks.

1. **Finance - Jane Carney/Craig Riemer**

-February saw higher expenses and lower income. Lower income was anticipated and budgeted. However, for January and February, we received $9,000 more than budgeted. Expenses were higher due to expenses for Fr. John’s funeral, and annoying increases in both gas and electric cost. For January and February combined we are $11,000 over budgeted expenses.

-We have a new auditor this year, Jeffrey Werner. We don’t yet have a date but expect it to begin in April.

-Our mortgage loan with Provident Bank will shift to a variable interest rate in August. Eric Johnson has approached the bank on our behalf to initiate a discussion about whether a fixed-rate might be available. Because interest rates are highly volatile now, we probably will not be able to discuss this with the bank in detail until about June.

**M/S Atkinson/Slaten** that financials be accepted subject to audit. **Carried**

1. **Senior Warden Report - Liz Atkinson**

-Crop Walk, Sunday, March 26. You can join the walk, sponsor All Saints’ or Mother Kelli Grace.

-Easter, April 9. The Vestry is responsible for hosting an Easter “brunch” following the 10:00 a.m. service while the littles participate in the High Holy Egg Hunt. We will need help to set up, serve, clean up, and donate fruit/etc. Peggy Darlington will coordinate the brunch. Please contact Peggy on your availability to serve for this event.

-Laundry Love - After three years of service at Sparklean laundromat, we were notified that the laundromat was sold and that the new owners are not interested in continuing a relationship with Laundry Love at this time. After speaking to the new owners we were unable to convince them to let us continue. Wednesday, March 15 will be our last event. Sherri Bradley and I will be looking for volunteers to assist us in obtaining a new location, God willing by April 2023. Continue to pray for Laundry Love as we move through this transition.

1. **Junior Warden - Steve Slaten**

**Security and Safety**

-A new doorknob was purchased and installed on the Pie Room door.

-The locking mechanism on the Narthex door leading to the Memorial Garden is failing. A smaller version of the security bar on Red Doors has been fashioned to fit the door.

-Exterior lights outside lower level classrooms, and two that illuminate the driveway to those rooms have been replaced with energy efficient LED fixture/lights

-Handicapped ramp leading to the patio required some work, and a handrail was installed. Loose handrail next to Smith Hall has been tightened.

**Leaks and Plumbing Problems**

-We have hired Jay’s Roofing to repair leaks above Narthex doors.

-Recent storms have revealed leaks at the bottom of full-length widows in a lower-level classroom. Caulking has been applied as a short-term remedy.

-Drainpipe from office restroom to a drain in the utility room in the lower level began to leak. Green Valley Plumbing accomplished the repair.

-A teacher reported that there was no hot water in the classrooms furthest from the lower parking lot. On inspection it was found that the electric water heater was not working. Nick’s electric responded and made repairs.

**Other Repairs and Projects**

-The old whole house fan was removed and the hallway ceiling repaired.

-Unneeded furniture and other junk was removed from the garage at white house with the help of a volunteer and a couple of dump runs.

-Steve and Francie pressure washed the Terracina retaining wall in preparation for painting.

-Weed growth behind white house down to Evans Field parking has been extreme. It will require weed abatement before hot weather, and dry weeds become a fire hazard.

**Care of Creation**

-No progress on Solar Panel or Communal Garden projects since last meeting.

-Solar Rights Alliance has presented an opportunity to advocate locally for a streamlined process for obtaining permits for solar installations. Mother Kelli Grace will take the lead on this.

-Plans for our next Climate Challenge/Care of Creation open forum are pending completion. Topic: Climate Change Related Mental Health Issues and Remedies.

1. **Rector’s Report**

-The pending lease with TRF for lease of space in the north wing is on hold. They expect funding in June.

-Mile 22 Film Company, a company who researches filming sites outside the 22 mile radius of Hollywood has shown interest in our church and our grounds as a filming site.

-We have received information on the Episcopal Parish Network. Mother Kelli Grace applied for membership and we have been invited to join (we have an endowment, we are a healthy and viable parish). Benefits of the membership are access to resources and networking to equip our church moving into the future. Mother Kelli Grace, Kurt Marcks and Francie Johnson recommend our joining wholeheartedly. The cost is $500 per year. **M/S McMorris/Riemer** that All Saints’ join the Episcopal Parish Network. **Carried**

-We need to set the date for Practice the Tithe

**Father Ryan’s Report**

-Due to the construction mess at St. Michaels the are some kinks to be worked out for distribution of our Thursday Food Share.

-St. Micheals housing clients are beginning to move in. This will increase the need for food donations.

-Thanks to Liz, Stephanie, Steve, Janie, and Brian for completing the Safe Campus Course.

1. **No Executive Session**
2. **Prayer Requests**
3. **Next Meeting - April 17th at 7:00 p.m.**
4. **Adjournment -** Meeting adjourned at 8:11 with The Doxology

Faithfully Submitted

Laura McMorris