**ALL SAINTS’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Vestry Meeting**

**May 15, 2023**

**Present:** Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz, Luke Polling, Steve Slaten, Patrcia Korzec, Liz Atkinson, Stephanie McMorris, Kristin Varner, Piotr Gorecki, Shannon Wolf, Craig Riemer

**Via Zoom:**  Peggy Darlington **Curate:** Fr. Ryan Macias **Treasurer:**  Jane Carney **Clerk:** Laura McMorris

**Absent:**  Janie Hilland, Brian Draper

1. **Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with prayer from the Book of Common Prayer by Mother Kelli Grace.

1. **Approve Agenda**

**M/S Atkinson/Korzec** that the May agenda be approved as corrected. (correct Piotri to Piotr) **Carried**

1. **Approve Minutes**

**M/S Atkinson/Gorecki**  that the April minutes be approved as written. **Carried**

1. **Outreach - Patricia Korzec**

-Things are slowing down at St. Michaels. Food delivery is still a little sketchy (food delivery late, three truckloads one day).The farmer still takes damaged goods to feed stock. When we have extra it goes to Magnolia Baptist for their food share.

-Meals at Path of Life continue and are greatly needed as they are full right now.

-Piotr is volunteering at the City Library with their literacy program.

1. **Children, Youth, and Families - Shannon Wolf**

-The VBS planning committee met on the 6th, responsibilities were delegated. VBS will be June 26-30 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

-Sunday School ends on June 4. Summer plans are not complete.

1. **Music - Shannon Wolf**

-June 7 is the last rehearsal and June 11 the last day for choir, after which the “summer singers” will step in.

-Luke Hilland and Abe Fabela are planning a 2 concert series for the fall and hope to do 3 or 4 per year in the future.

-Abe will be auditioning a choral scholar to beef up the choir.

-We need to consider updating the organ console, sticking keys etc. It has been decades since anything has been done. If the cost will be over $1,000 we will need three bids. Abe is hoping to have estimates by September.

1. **Finance - Jane Carney**

-For the first five months of 2023, the church is on solid financial ground.

-We have a higher balance in checking due to tenants paying two months rent in April.

-Our investments are starting to regain some earlier losses.

-Our expenses are on target, while income is over budget.

-The audit for 2022 is complete, the report is not ready yet. Our new auditor is quite helpful.

**M/S Atkinson/Gorecki** that the financial report be approved subject to audit. **Carried**

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

-Pentecost Picnic, we will provide meat, buns & fixings, the congregation will provide sides to share. We will need help to set up and clean up. We are not getting a good response to Bulletin or Good News notices, Liz suggested we might try Sign-Up Genius, Mother Kelli Grace suggested Breeze. Phil Bruckler donated the hamburgers.

-Laundry Love is back to square one. Due to illness, and family funerals Liz and Sherri will follow up with previous contacts made during Holy Week, and begin new contacts in June. Contacts made so far just don’t want us in their places of business. Mother Kelli Grace has been working with Laundry Love for 10 years, with no major problems anywhere. Clients have been calling, sending emails, and leaving voicemails expressing their great need, and questioning when and where we will be back.

1. **Junior Warden Report - Steve Slaten**

-Buildings and grounds is an ongoing task. The irrigation problems have been solved. We have bid of $700 to clean up the back of Inspire House to the bottom of the lot. It was suggested that a motion detector flood light be installed on top of the shed to deter homeless/vandals.

-The homeless are becoming more of a problem. They are jumping the fence and hanging out around the columbarium, and are lighting fires around the property. Police have been notified as these events happen, and offenders are being removed. The issue of trespass damage takes precedence of that of fires for cooking and warming by the homeless.ddd

-We have written a grant requesting a Care of Creation Grant from the Episcopal Church for establishing a Communal Garden. The food raised would go to St. Michaels Food Share. Labor would be provided by our congregation. Good News Gardens is a National Episcopal Program that can assist with this project.

-We have three solid bids for solar energy installation and a funding benefactor. Two of the bids are close, and the third is $40,000 higher. We established a committee early on to study and compare bids when gathered. The three will be compared side by side. The committee consists of Steve Slaten, Francie Johnson, John Briggs, and Craig Riemer with the addition of two others.

1. **Rector’s Report - Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz**

-The rectory needs an ADA bathroom. The best choice would be to rework the main bath to include a walk-in shower. Cost estimated to be about $5,000. We are seeking bids.

-A draft of the Parochial Report, completed on May 1, was sent to the Vestry to review. Our average Sunday attendance is 117, national average is 65. Several items were not included in the report (Laundry Love, Yoga, Fr. Macias ordination. The additions will be made and a report brought back for approval at the June meeting.

-All Saints’ Pasadena has received threats against the parish. The FBI is investigating. Mother Kelli Grace asked for prayers from the Vestry on their behalf. We can show our support by visiting their website, or Facebook page (All Saints’ Pasadena, or Mike Kinman, Rector.)

-Dr. Lucy Jones will be presenting a Disaster Resilience Forum here. Erin Edwards will be part of the discussion panel.

-A handbook for staff is being developed with job descriptions, job reviews and other pertinent information. Hopefully it will be ready for the June meeting.

-Discovery of Learning was renting space prior to COVID but could not continue due to lack of funding. They will be returning. They will rent space at $2.00 per square foot plus utilities, this will put our space use at full capacity. They have been well vetted. They will take possession of space July 1.

-Fr. Ryan and the Communication Committee have met and have developed a survey to determine parishioners choices for manner of communication (email, text, print, phone). We need an editor in chief for the Good News. For the time being all Good News info for the June edition should be sent to Fr. Ryan

-There are some who have not completed Safe Haven training. He encouraged everyone to complete theirs as soon as they can.

1. **Stewardship - Kristin Varner**

-Practice for Tithe Sunday will be June 11. Letters will go out next week asking each of us to give 10% of one weeks’ earnings. We will be using This Is Why We Tithe videos again.

-The Stewardship Committee will be reconfigured. Let Kristin know if you are interested or know of anyone who might be.

1. **No Executive Session**
2. **Prayer Requests**
3. **Next Meeting - June 19, 2023**
4. **Adjournment**

 Meeting adjourned at 8:10 with the Doxology

Faithfully Submitted

Laura McMorris