

Vestry Minutes 11/19/2024

All Saints Episcopal Church Portland, OR

**Present:** Reverend Andria Skornik- rector, Lindsay Strannigan-Senior Warden, Sonja Miller- Junior Warden, Candace McLean, Lana Millington, Maryruth Storer, Nancy Janecek, Janet Gallagher, Bryan Poole, Tim Anderson, Amanda Buckle, Jerry Meter- treasurer, Steve Dieterich-clerk

**Absent:** Michele Waite

**Guest:** Deacon Linda Goertz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Jerry offered a prayer of Thanksgiving from the Prayer Book.

**Rector's report:** a) Rev. Andria discussed her recent exploration of Faith Conversations, welcoming spiritual refugees and identifying Communities of Harmony (which in fact, are hard to find!) b) How can we make the Sunday bulletins more useful and informative? c) Signage- We're going to get a new, more fade resistant, Pride banner for the west gable end of the parish hall. New banners for the fence facing the driveway will be displayed on a rotating basis. A new banner will be installed just to the right

of the door into the narthex. d) We will advertise in the December edition of The Bee and create an increased presence at the upcoming Christmas Tree lighting here in Woodstock. e) The Social Justice community is rebooting and will meet after the 10:15 service on 11/24/24. f) A calendar template is being developed to be used as a framework for publicizing events in the church, year to year. g) Fundraising for our outreach programs, separate from the all parish fund drive, will be pursued. In addition, previous volunteers who are not parishioners will be contacted to keep them involved/connected. h) The schedule of Advent and Christmas events was discussed.

**Senior Warden's report:** a) The “creative corner” idea will be initiated in the parish hall after the 10:15 service this coming Sunday, 11/24. Please feel free to join in/set an example even if you're not an introvert. b) Godly Play will be reviewed regarding consistency and expectations week to week.

**Junior Warden's report:** a) Sonja will not continue as Junior warden in 2025. She is working on a detailed manual for future Junior wardens. She reminds us all that this position is NOT a one person job and that multiple assistants are crucial for it's success. b) A 20 page manual on “care and maintenance” of the heating system has been put together by Chuck Martin and

others. c) Recent fire inspection revealed that we need some new sprinkler heads. Perhaps this can be accomplished as part of the initial renovation phase? d) Further work on the food pantry plantings will be carried out in the Spring. There is money remaining in the fund dedicated to this project. e) The circular lighting fixtures in the parish hall are obsolete and need to be replaced with a modern alternative. Sonja wonders if we could perhaps have a “snap fundraiser” at the Annual meeting to collect the necessary money? f) Sonja has obtained bids to decommission the 2 bathrooms in the basement to create storage spaces, one of which should have a new utility sink installed. There are some concerns that we may need to retain one of these bathrooms, based on zoning requirements for our current interior space. Therefore, in view of our proposed Major Renovation project, ***a motion was made*** to decommission one bathroom when funds are available and to delay the decision on eliminating the second bathroom until zoning requirements are clear. *Passed unanimously.*

**Major Renovations Committee report:** Concept designs were received from Basinger. The committee reviewed them and returned them to the architects with a list of desired modifications. One of the issues to be addressed is improved security; we’d like to be able to restrict renters access to areas

not included in their respective rental agreements. There are 4 proposed stages for the project and the priorities assigned to each need to be re-assessed. The committee hopes to receive cost estimates for each stage from Basinger in December and would then arrange a presentation to the entire parish shortly thereafter.

**Financial report:** Jerry emailed financial statements as of 10/31/24 to all vestry. The current budget deficit for 2024 is less than previously projected. Maryruth reported that the pledge drive received commitments for \$240,000.00 for 2025. Planning for the 2025 budget is currently under way.

**New business:** Vestry members are requested to remain after the 10:15 service on 12/15/24 to meet with Bishop Akiyama who will be visiting our parish that day.

**Minutes of the 10/15/24 vestry meeting** were approved as submitted.

**Next vestry meeting:** is planned for 12/17/24 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. The Renovations committee hopes to be able to present the latest proposal from Basinger at that time. Deacon Linda will offer the opening prayer at that meeting.

A final blessing was provided by Mother Andria based on a Hopi prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM