

**Minutes**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
**All Saints Church, Bay Head, New Jersey**  
**June 17, 2021**

**Present**

Senior Warden: Steven Beresik  
Junior Warden: Joe DeAmicis  
Vestry Members: Jim Brune, John Copman, Chris Kyse, Debbie McCullam, Rob McCullam, Jane White, and Chad Newsome

**Absent**

Jonathan McGlynn, Diane Lippert.

**Guests**

None

**Audience**

None

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm via Zoom.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Debbie McCullam gave the opening prayer.

**MINUTES:**

The Vestry meeting minutes from the meeting of May 20, 2021 were approved.

**VESTRY HANDBOOK:**

Chapter 8 was discussed.

Chris Kyse said she thought the idea of inviting former Wardens and Vestry members was a good one. Steve mentioned how hard it has been to find people to serve at the 9:00 AM service and the need to get more people engaged again.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance**

Jim Brune went over his report.

Cash on hand is \$30,949 – overall we are in good shape due to actual expenses being lower than budgeted expenses; a difference of \$9,168.79.

In 2019 and 2020, funds were taken from the Vestry Directed Funds – this has not been necessary in 2021.

Pledges are down, but historically they rebound after reminders are sent out.

Jim said he had spoken to Mark Durham who provided an analysis of All Saints investment portfolio:

- We are overweighted in available cash.
- At the moment, we have no fixed income assets.
- We are ahead of where we were last year by over \$100,000.

On a percentage basis, May year-to-year increase in total funds of 5.7% above where we were at the start of this year.

At market close on June 16<sup>th</sup>, total assets were approximately \$716,000, which is up \$7,000 from May's closing.

### **Search Committee**

Jim reported that they had interviewed 3 of the 4 candidates selected for second interviews. The 4<sup>th</sup> candidate will be interviewed on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jim mentioned some comments from parishioners included putting up a sign mentioning the Saturday evening service. Joe DeAmicis said that a wooden sign matching the trim of the church had been ordered.

The missing sign on Route 35 and Howe Street will be replaced.

Steve asked when the Search Committee anticipated when a candidate would be sent up for the Vestry to interview. Jim said probably mid-July.

Joanne Izzo contacted Steve and Joe requesting a meeting with the Vestry. Steve asked her to send the information for the meeting so that it could be reviewed. He will send it to everyone to look over and tell Joanne the Vestry has an hour and a half available to meet with her.

After the names of the candidates are presented to the Vestry, the information and links for each candidate will be distributed to the Vestry. Vestry members are encouraged to watch sermons of the candidates. Jim said he felt the Vestry would be happy with the candidates they've selected.

Going back to Finance, Steve said they need to have a Finance Committee meeting. Jim said that Paul and Mark agreed and are trying to set something up. Steve said we got back \$14,000 from the IRS - \$7,000 in overpayment and \$7,000 from the Cares Act.

The Cash on Hand report will now be provided at every Vestry meeting.

### **Stewardship**

Rob McCullam said the numbers were pretty much set last month. Steve said he would like to start talking about Stewardship in August.

## **Communications**

Joe DeAmicis reported on the newly formed Communication group. The key focuses will be community involvement, website, Facebook and Instagram. Mary Peters has signed on for the print side (e.g. Ocean Star), Chris Niebling for community involvement, Meg Beresik for the website and Linda Calvillo for email blasts and Facebook. There will be a weekly "This Week at All Saints" email that will go out on Thursdays.

## **Outreach**

Debbie McCullam referred everyone to the report from Phyllis Kata. She highlighted the donations that Outreach has been able to make and everything they've been able to accomplish. Debbie urged everyone to read Phyllis' report.

## **Music**

Chad said that he had spoken to Stephen Pinel and there is a problem with the organ. Someone will be coming in September to look at it. Chad said he is looking forward to being able to sing together again. There will be 4 guests organists coming over the summer.

Debbie mentioned Bert Draesel's rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the piano during the first in-person service on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Joe said at the end everyone stood and clapped.

## **Women's Guild**

Chris referred to the Women's Guild report. She also mentioned the Raffle Baskets that will be done in lieu of the Fashion Show. Also, planning is underway for the St. Nicholas Bazaar, which is tentatively scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. Joe suggested contacting local businesses for donations to the baskets. Chris said she'd bring the suggestion to the Women's Guild.

## **Altar Guild**

Chris said that flowers will be back on the altar. The book will be available to sign up or emails can be sent to Phyllis Kata.

Someone asked about a cleaning service for the Sanctuary for things that Jeanette cannot do. Joe said they were working on it.

**Inreach** - Jonathan McGlynn was not present. Steve referred to Barbara Creek's latest update.

## **Christian Education/Youth Ministry**

Diane was not present. The gift cards for Hoffman's ice cream were well received.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

John Copman had nothing to report.

## **Junior Warden's Report**

Joe DeAmicis said that he and Steve had spoken about reestablishing Betsy Sayen and Gail Houston as the wedding committee. They had a meeting with Betsy and Gail, who were happy to sign on, and came up with new guidelines and fees. When someone calls about a wedding, they will be referred to Betsy or Gail.

Steve said he'd provide the Vestry with the wedding fees prior to the next Vestry meeting. He also said that the funeral fees need to be revised.

Joe said there were 21 people at the 9:00 AM service on June 13<sup>th</sup> and that everything went well. On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Joan Pettit Mason officiated her first Saturday service and everyone was happy with her.

## **Senior Warden's Report**

Steven Beresik referred to his report as submitted. He highlighted that the New Jersey Chamber Singers will be rehearsing at All Saints beginning in September and would like to have a fundraiser in August and a concert in December. He and Chad will discuss that and the possibility of having jazz vespers.

Steve also mentioned the BBQ on June 26<sup>th</sup>, which will be a meet-and-greet with Joan and that on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Neil Turton will be officiating and Chip Bristol will be preaching.

John Copman asked about lawn care. Steve said once we get the hold harmless we can make the transition. Until then we are continuing to use our current lawn service company. Joe and John will discuss it.

There was discussion about this year's St. Nicholas Bazaar. Jane White suggested getting a Pod to store donations. Since there was no bazaar last year she thinks people will have a lot of items to donate.

## **Closing Prayer**

Debbie McCullam gave the closing prayer.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for July 15 at 7 pm via Zoom.