

**The Episcopal Parish of
All Saints' Church & St. George's Chapel
Vestry Meeting at Saint George's Parish Hall
September 13th, 2022**

Mission Statement: The mission of our parish is to make the love of God more widely known in our community and the world by welcoming all people; helping those less fortunate through service and by sharing God's gifts.

Present: Mother Shelley, Jim Foor – Senior Warden, Buzz Buse – Junior Warden, Helen Hoart, Al Zamiello, Henley Graves, Tracey Burton Hausel, Joe Antisavage, Rutland Paal, Stuart Burgh, Susan Seelig– clerk.

Opening Prayer: The in-person meeting began at 6:04PM with an opening prayer led by Mother Shelley.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Mother Shelley asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes of August 9th 2022. After discussion, Henley Graves motioned to accept the amended minutes and Helen Hoart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

Rector Update:

Clergy/Staff Update:

- The parish is awaiting approval of Rev. Jack Anderson by the Standing Committee of the diocese. Next steps by the Bishop will follow upon approval by the Standing Committee.
- Our new Seminarian Connie Bowman started Saturday. She is a Postulate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maryland and is in her second year of seminary at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She assisted Joe Antisavage with GriefShare. She will join us in ministry and in worship as she prepares for the Priesthood. Her project for both semesters will be to determine the composition and needs of our streaming congregation. She will also study the summer guests to accurately determine their numbers and needs. In her second semester she will formulate a plan of action. She has experience with podcasts. Connie will be with Mother Shelley each Sunday for a month.

Legacy:

- We are waiting to hear from Bryce Lingo in order to set a date for the first Legacy Society Luncheon. Bryce would be the first honoree of this luncheon which will introduce the Society. Creation of marketing materials is still in progress. Two parishioners have shown interest in the Legacy Project. Lisa Scholl has offered to fund a new Legacy Society brochure which will contain an enrollment form. Tracey Burton Hausel shared her interest in the history of the parish and explained how it is a big part of legacy.

Thrift Shop:

- Mother Shelley spoke of a meeting with the landlord and of the agreement which was discussed. Both the church and the landlord would contribute to the repair of sections of

the roof. There are three new areas of leakage due to the recent storm. A new lease will be signed. Bill Schatzabel will provide oversight. We will continue looking for a new site for the Thrift Shop.

- The Thrift Shop brought in \$88,000 in August.

Upcoming Events:

- GriefShare at All Saints' on Saturday, September 17th at 10AM.
- "Learning to Pray" at All Saints' Saturday, September 17th at 3:30PM
- Singing Soldiers" at All Saints' Saturday, September 17th at 6PM
- Sunday September 18th is Welcome Back Sunday. There is a new Family Service at St. George's at 5PM.
- "The Chosen" All Saints' Tuesday, September 20th
- Chris Moore will have a book signing on Saturday, September 24th at 6PM at All Saints' Rectory Garden.
- "Sustenance, Stories and Songs with Jesus" at St. George's Monday, September 26th at 5PM
- EFM – St. George's Parish Hall – Thursday, September 29th at 6PM

Coffee Hour: A volunteer is needed for coffee hour next Sunday at All Saints.

Warden's Report:

- Jim Foor reported that "things are going well."
- A discussion followed regarding prospective openings on the Vestry. The procedure required to run was discussed. Jim will chair the nominating committee. It was suggested to review The By-Laws of the Episcopal Parish of All Saints' Church & St. George's Chapel as amended on October 7, 2021, in order to review the process (*Document is available in the parish office).

Summer Appeal Update:

- \$5,440 has been received by check/cash. Online results have not been tabulated.
- Helen Hoart spoke about setting a goal and the need for further discussion related to this topic.

Stewardship:

- It was mentioned that Lisa Scholl is interested in stewardship and is interested in the Vestry. Helen Hoart will speak to Lisa about different methods that can be used to develop an annual Stewardship Campaign.
- It was discussed that inflation has a part in an individual's ability to donate.

GriefShare:

- The first meeting was held last Saturday from 1-3PM. There are three new attendees and four returns.
- There is a GriefShare National website.
- There is a \$20 charge for a workbook.
- Connie Bowman assisted Joe Antisavage at Saturday's meeting. Jim Foor is a co-mentor.
- The group is open to the public.
- A 40 minute video is shown with a discussion of the highpoints of the workbook. The workbook is a spiritual and practical guide.

- Jim shared that it is common to go through the program 2-3 times.
- Joe feels that the group should be no larger than 12 participants.
- The experience provides a message of hope.

Fall Music Ministry Update:

- The bulletin should be checked for the current schedule.

Upcoming Related PR:

- Recent issues of the Cape Gazette included articles on the Singing Soldiers (ARMY Baritones) and the Sunday Family Service at 5PM at St. George's. Also included in the Cape Gazette is information about a cocktail reception/book signing by Fr. Chris Moore on September 24th at 6PM at the All Saints' Rectory Garden.

Church Relations: Topics were brought up to be addressed at a later date.

Convention Delegates: Lay and Clergy Delegates are needed by September 20th. Volunteers are requested.

Outreach: Checks were sent out on July 21st. Some of the beneficiaries:

\$500 to Oak Orchard Boys and Girls Club

\$1000 to benefit Ukraine

\$1000 to Girls in the Game

\$2000 to Community Resource Center

\$1500 to Way Home

\$1500 to Delaware Futures

\$500 to First Step

\$2000 to Harry K Backpack program

Next Meeting: 6PM Monday, October 11th at All Saints' Parish Hall

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM

Closing Prayer: Mother Shelley offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Seelig, Vestry Clerk

9/24/2022

*Documents available in All Saints' Church Office:

The By-Laws of the Episcopal Parish of All Saints' Church and St. George's Chapel as amended on October 7, 2021