

**Minutes**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
**All Saints Church**  
**Bay Head, New Jersey**  
**October 15, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Interim Rector: The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg  
Senior Warden: Gerald Harvey  
Junior Warden: Joe DeAmicis  
Vestry Members: Lois, Eberhart, Jim Doran, Chris Kyse, Diane Lippert, Jim Brune, Chad Newsome, John Copman, Debbie McCullam, Rob McCullam

**Guests:** Paul Hamelberg, Steve Beresik

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm via Zoom.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

The Interim Rector led the Vestry through the Office for a Parish Meeting. Debbie read Matthew 5:13-16.

**MINUTES:**

The Vestry meeting minutes from September 17, 2020 were approved.

**FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP & PLANNED GIVING - Finance Liaison Report:** Jim Brune,  
**Stewardship:** Rob McCullam, Jim Brune, Paul Hamelberg, Finance Chair  
Paul Hamelberg - operations report: January through September - pledges are down and 28 letters were sent to people that had sent in less than 50% of their pledge with resultant catch up pledge payments by several parishioners. Stewardship Sunday is this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop has issued a diocese wide stewardship message. A letter will go out the beginning of the week (week of Oct 19<sup>th</sup>) with an upbeat and positive stewardship message. We need to go through the directory to make sure addresses are correct and request pledge cards.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Joe DeAmicis

For our website redo - meeting with communications committee, chaired by Scott McMurray. Steve Beresik is providing tech support and Meg Bersik formatting. We are in process of confirming transfer of the domain name from our consultant to All Saints,

**OUTREACH** - Debbie McCullam with Phyllis Kata

\$375 to St. Gregory's from the sale of the masks, \$480 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for the Louisiana hurricane, and \$400 to ERD for west coast fire relief. Working with Inreach on dinners to parishioners.

**WORSHIP** - Chad Newsome - Blessing of the animals - service went well. Largest group ever of 41 people. The last 3 services in October moved from from 5:30 to 5 pm due to earlier sunsets.

**WOMEN'S GUILD** - Lois Eberhart

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Women's Guild meeting at noon on Tuesday, October 20th. People have stepped up with their dues. The Women's Guild will be able to give scholarships and make a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

**INREACH** - Jim Doran – A program is underway to deliver dinners to parishioners in October. To date, have identified four people to receive meals. As the kitchen in Bristol Hall may not be used, dinners will be prepared at home and assembled in the open space beneath the Rectory.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / YOUTH MINISTRY** - Diane Lippert – Having earlier sent an children's Bible to the church school children, a prayer cube has now been sent and was well-received. Cindy McGlynn is working on other ideas to involve our children,

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** John Copman – As noted the outdoor service has been moved to a 5 pm start. It has been concluded that it is not feasible to pursue outdoor heaters.

**JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT:** Joe DeAmicis – To promote the safety of our church employees who must spend time in the building, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to have a professional service disinfect the office, sacristy, and kitchen for a cost not to exceed \$1200. ITAK's quote for an upgrade to the air filtration system to improve air quality and reduce the risk of airborne viruses was reviewed with Steve Beresik. Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the vestry authorized a capital expenditure not to exceed \$6000 to upgrade the air filtration system.

**SENIOR WARDEN REPORT:** Gerald Harvey – Upon the formation of the search and profile committees for our discernment process, the next transition event will be a parish summit on a Sunday in November to engage in an appreciative inquiry into All Saints by our parishioners. This will be a Zoom event. New Jersey state law requires that parish annual meetings must be in person, not virtual, absent authorizing legislation, thereby at present making our January parish meeting doubtful. Nevertheless, it is recommended that the Executive Committee meet in November as per usual to develop a list of candidates for open warden and vestry positions for the vestry to consider at the December meeting.

**INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT** – The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg reviewed with the Vestry the success of the Blessing of the Animals, noting that there were 8 or 9 dogs and several animals blessed in absentia, including a cat in Vienna. The last outdoor service is on All Hallows Eve at 5 pm and costumes are encouraged.

**CLOSING PRAYER** - John Copman

**ADJOURNMENT** occurred 9:07 pm

Next meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Jane White, Clerk of the Vestry