

All Saints Church Vestry Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Present: Rev. Bill Bradbury, Laura Barry, Dave Kuzara, Cynthia Bennett, Tracey Blanchet, Nico Charbonnier, Linda Ouellette, Linda Coles, Laura Geary, Bob Friesner, Liz Landers, Don Van Dyne, Jennifer Dowd, Mary Cooney

Dinner Host: Jennifer Dowd

Fellowship-Story sharing

Contemplative Prayer-Silence

Opening Worship:

Discussions

Living Stones Lower Level Project Chris Mills (See attached handout)

*Presentation by Chris Mills summarizing Lower Level Project including "Living Space" vs. "Dead Space", Pattern Language Theory and how these influenced the renovation goals for the Lower Level. Discussion of key elements of the project included new LED lighting, new floors and paint throughout, repair and replacement of ceiling tiles, new window well windows and well covers, windowed classroom doors, insertion of hallway window, removal of inter-classroom wall to accommodate larger classes, meeting room divider for Godly Play Room, removal of wall to create "common area", replacing wall-mounted cabinets, adding new whiteboards and electrical outlets. Components of the renovation were divided into Mid, Middle and Full Vision Options with cost estimates.

*Vestry Discussion:

Liz asked if there were any structural issues in removing the wall. Answer: No, this is a non-load bearing wall.

Linda C. was concerned about losing a classroom and whether the "common area" would be used. Laura Marshall felt classrooms too small as is for current group sizes. Katie LaRochelle felt "common area" could be used by parents waiting for children in classes, or for any informal gathering.

Linda C. questioned the necessity of a window in the hallway. Have we thought of other options to brighten the space such as mirrors or artwork? Dave K. questioned if having a large window in the hall would affect privacy issues for groups renting the space. It was suggested installing blinds or window treatments that could be used if necessary.

*Bob F. concerned there are not enough exits. Could one be added through the Godly Play Room?

*Living Stones Financial discussion: \$97,000 in hand., \$69,000 to come in with a projected total of \$166,000. Although we are short of total funds needed as of today, Diane felt the moneys would be available by March, which is when the project would start. She will send out reminders to those who have pledged.

MOTION: " Move that the vestry authorize the Living Stones Team to proceed with the All Saints lower-level area renovation plan identified as Middle Vision with total disbursements for the plan not to exceed \$106,289." MS Laura B. /Liz ; 13 Yes, 1 No.

Monthly Items

a. Acceptance of Minutes

Change spelling of "alter" to "altar", "form" to "from"; Date of Muslim speakers from November 16 to November 10; Change "mystery stained glass window" to "Summer Mystery Club stained glass window"; Add Linda Coles for November's Opening Worship; Regarding discussion of Christmas

Eve Service change, it was noted by Linda C. that it would be easier not harder for the altar guild to switch to 9:30.

MOTION: " Move to accept minutes from October 15, 2019 with above corrections"

MSC Dave/ Cindy

Sent to office on November 21, 2019

b. Thank you notes: Dave Kuzara

Brain Hunter: Thrift Shop History Walk

Mindasari Daniar and family; "Muslim Women's Perspective" talk

Deb Forsberg and Joan Thomas: Weaver's Class Sleep Over

Jennifer Dowd and Andrew Barry: 7th and 8th grade Retreat

Marlene Hillman: CPR Class

Sharon West and Maggie Marshall: Cleaning the church

Liz will put a thank you in the bulletin for those who helped with the pie-baking workshop.

Laura Marshall will send out thank you notes to those who helped with the Fall Carnival.

Area Updates

a. Stewardship:

66% of pledges received

b. Worship: Liz Landers

No Report

c. Parish Life: Linda Ouellette

No Report

d. Church School: Laura B.

Listed on agenda, but not discussed: Retreat, Sleep Over, Advent Projects, and Pageant Prep.

e. Fundraising

Pie baking a success.

Christmas Fair: December 7. Sign ups have begun. Listed on the Holiday Stroll.

f. Outreach

Continue dialogue with Islamic Society of Greater Lowell. E-mail Bob with your ideas for next activity/meeting.. Laura will include them when she sends out the budget.

Listed on agenda, but not discussed: Prison Ministry (card making and Christmas bags), Angel Tree.

Treasurer's Report

Budget First Look

Postponed to next month. Laura will send preliminary budget in an e-mail for all to review prior to December vestry meeting.

Junior Warden's Report

No Report

Senior Warden's Report

Laura will send an e-mail summarizing November 3d meeting with Martha Hubbard.

Rector's Report

Working with Laura Trahan's office regarding immigration issues and challenges.

Prayer for concerns/celebrations

Closing Prayer: Tracey B.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2019

Host: Bob F.

Opening Prayer: ?

Closing Prayer: ?

Thank You notes: ?

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Cooney, Parish Clerk