

All Saints-by-the Sea Episcopal Church
Santa Barbara, CA
Minutes of the AUGUST Vestry Meeting
August 9, 2016

Present: Carins, Evans, Hawes, McFadden, Mack, Melville, Schaible, Sigler, Telleen-Lawton, Watson

Absent: Davidson, DiTirro, Messerlian, Reeder and Swift

Clergy and Staff: V. Mouradian (Rev. Aimee out sick at the last minute today)

Opening Prayer at 5:35p.m. given by Tom Mack ,who encouraged us to "lean-in" and support one another in the months ahead.

Minutes of last Vestry Meeting: Motion by Watson, second by Hawes, the Minutes for the July 2016 Vestry Meeting were Approved.

Special Guest: Tony Vallejo, CPA: presented the *2015 Audited Financial Statements*, which were already approved today by the Church Finance Committee.

20 minute discussion began with emphasizing the reliable and accurate work preformed in preparation of this report by **Cynthia and Kathleen in the Church office**. Also discussed: the difference between "restricted" and "designated" funds, and the concept of "material" differences, of which **none** were found during this Audit, (which is what the Diocesan would be looking for), and the research into the actual source of all the major capital campaign contributions, along with many of the smaller ones.

The one suggestion by Mr. Vallejo, as noted in his Report, was that an individual, in addition to the Parish School Director Padric Davis, (such as the School Board President Sally Green or Rev. Aimee) be involved in the process of awarding school scholarships, since Padric is also responsible for collecting school tuition.

Capital Campaign Update: Tom Mack confirmed that we have collected 204 separate contributions for a current total of **\$9.4Million**, which leaves us **short \$700,000** before the decision is made to advance with PHASE II of construction and restoration. At this time there are no foreseeable future large donations. (?) A Town Hall Parish meeting is anticipated for this Fall. It is important that the items/issues to be presented at that time are clarified in advance. In particular the discussion around the placement of the new Organ is an on-going and important issue.

Facilities Update: Tom Mack and **Special Guest Bob Easton;** Project Architect, brought us up to date on the many interesting and unexpected elements of our beloved Church which have been uncovered during the PHASE I Bell Tower re-construction. A greater

than expected (\$50,000) percentage of the overall project contingency budget has been devoted to some of these issues, in addition to \$40,00 in project change-orders. Mr. Easton will be preparing a **re-estimate of costs for Phase II in the near future**. We should be prepared to approve his report and detailed drawings next month. **Phase I** is expected to be completed, according to Mr. Easton by OCT. First.

David Telleen-Lawton had to leave early but we were all encouraged to submit new names to the **2017 Vestry Nominating Committee**.

Parish School Update by Padric Davis who provided us with the new School Budget. She was very pleased to inform us that that enrollment is full to capacity (with 101 children over 97 days,) and there is currently an enrollment waiting list. They have worked hard to monitor school expenses and consequently Padric was able to give the schoolteachers a long awaited salary increase of 5%. She is in full understanding of the Auditor's suggestions.

Children and Youth Formation: Rev. Vicki is very enthused to announce the return to All Saints of the children's spirituality program; *Godly Play*. She has been supported and assisted in these plans by **Leslie Huber, Heather Hawlee, Marni McGee and Leah Watson**. All teacher positions are appointed at this time, but anyone is invited to participate in the upcoming training or just come see what its all about.

Closing Prayer: Bill Macfadyen shared a wonderful passage by Robert E. Lee.

Pamela Hawes will lead us in pray for next month.

Please Note: All up-coming important dates and reminders are as shown on the Agenda. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted, by Pamela Hawes