

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London, NH
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2016, 5 PM

Attending: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Mark Kellett, Peter Ruth, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Judy Wallace, Becky Rylander, Ellen Yenawine.

Absent: Martha Baron, Nancy Rollins, Lisa Kelly.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Peter to accept the **minutes** of the May meeting as a true and accurate record. The motion passed.

Summer Fair: Harvey is looking for help on Friday, July 1 to set up tents for the fair and to carry items into place.

Treasurer's report: Peter passed out the ledger to budget report. We have completed 42% of the year and are in good shape both in income and in expenses. Becky asked if next month the report could break out the Outreach expenses.

Peter then went on to discuss the **Financial Committee's recommendation** to engage Rowley & Associates P.C. as our auditor. He mentioned that Bruce Avery recused himself from the discussion and the vote. Peter made the motion to hire Rowley & Associates. Ellen seconded it. The motion passed. Peter will follow up with Plodzick & Sanderson.

Bruce Avery discussed his charts that are based on the parochial reports from 1997 to the present. What else could we include that is measureable?

Epiphany: Kelly reported that the vestry met on Sunday to discuss Mission vs. Parish but got sidetracked. They will meet again on July 3.

We will meet with Cannon Hannah on July 10, 2016 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM to discuss our way forward with Epiphany.

Kelly also reported that there is a genuine ecumenical dialogue going on in Newport. The Newport Area Association of Churches (lay and clergy members) oversees the Food Bank. They also held a prayer service for Orlando.

Lisa submitted a report about the **Sunshine Café** that was passed out to all members.

Taizé: Jay will be away June 23-July 6. They will spend a week in France at Taizé, an ecumenical monastery and then travel to Ireland.

Phillips Brooks: Sign up sheets are on the table in the hall. Teams will be formed. This program is in the capable hands of Becky, Nola Jordan, and Lisa Kelly.

The website is going to be changed. Richard said that we don't know when or how, but he is hoping to find a new set of tools. Mary Eysenbach has done a wonderful job

organizing and updating our current site. Thanks to Lindsay Holmes for setting it up and continuing to work on it. The new tool is called “Wyx” that is free to start and does not need a lot of technical support. The focus will be on keeping the information current. Thanks to Gardner for promoting the idea of recorded sermons on the website. Another need is to create a video and audio archive.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey reported that the repair part for the bell has been purchased. The barbeque is ready to go for the Wednesday cookouts. He has done a walk about with Mary concerning the new landscape. He and Becky have met with Vic Reno concerning the ceiling fans and lights. Harvey will discuss fans with the property manager at St. Thomas, and will look into the cost of hiring a contractor to install the fans.

Opportunity Gap Survey: Becky reported that this is a commission to address the needs of children in NH who are less fortunate. She filled in the survey reporting on Sunshine Café and the Phillips Brooks partnership. She also sent an email about Upbeat Music and other Outreach programs that involve children.

Harvey, Peter, and Becky will do the insurance walk through.

Other Business:

- Greening of the church - we have new coffee mugs
- Prayer a day: St. John's ssje.org/word
- Presiding Bishop's mission: “The Jesus Movement”

There being no other business, Kelly closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marni Eaton, Clerk