

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London, NH  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
18 October 2016, 5pm

Attending: Bruce Avery, Martha Barron, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Lisa Kelly, Jay MacLeod, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Nancy Rollins, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Judy Wallace, Ellen Yenawine  
Absent: Mark Kellett

Kelly opened the meeting with prayer from the ordination service, page 528 in the BCP.

Marni presented the **September vestry meeting minutes**. Harvey made the motion to approve the minutes and Ellen seconded it. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Kelly spoke about **Christian Formation** opportunities that are available in the coming months: The 5 week Prayer Book course will start on Tuesday, October 25. There will be 2 sessions each Tuesday, one in the afternoon and a repeat in the evening. People from Epiphany may join us. Also Jay will hold an Advent Pause on Thursday, December 15 from 1-5pm, hopefully at the Wilmot UCC church. It will be an afternoon of part theological reflection and part quiet prayer as we prepare to open our hearts to allow Christ to enter at Christmas.

Peter presented the **Treasurer's report**. He passed out the September ledger to budget report. September fell slightly below expectations but due to a strong August we remain on target for both the third quarter and year to date on income and expenses.

Kelly reported that the **Epiphany Explorers** program successfully launched on Monday, October 17. There were 6 students attending and there may be more the next time as students figure out their transportation. Bonnie Akerman is the leader and the students are very interested in forensic science as well as rocket ships.

We are very grateful to Bruce Avery for his **Stewardship** reports. The campaign has reached 53.7% with 92 pledges: 43 have increased their pledge, 42 remain the same and 7 pledges are new. It is time to remind people to return the pledge cards.

Ellen reported that the **Youth Group** has decided to focus on the topic of Refugees and how to support them. Independently, the Baptist Church youth chose the same theme, so they will be collaborating again this year. Their first meeting will be a meager meal and then a talk by a man who was a refugee in Germany after WWII. In addition, Rob Freitas will be working with the children on photography. During the Diocesan Convention in November there will again be a parallel event for youth.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Harvey reported that he and Chris Heyl have been working to repair the back door and have replaced rotten wood on the front of the church. He has contracted with Great Northern Cleaners to clean the rugs and the

floors in the building and to steam clean the upholstered chairs for \$2300. All the windows will be cleaned at another time.

Harvey asked that we contact him if we have any other suggestions.

Kelly thanked Harvey for helping with the Epiphany workday.

The vestry would like to thank Mary Eysenbach for her wonderful work on the gardens and grounds at St. Andrew's. The whole area looks beautiful.

**Website:** Kelly reported that the goal is to have the website shifted to "Weebly" by Advent I. She, Richard and 2 others will be working on it.

**Other business:** Becky reported that the concert on Sunday was terrific and \$2,000 was collected for Haiti. Becky has been in contact with our liaison in Memphis who reported that the greatest need at the moment is for Aquatabs (water purification tablets) and mosquito netting.

Kelly reminded us that there is a baptism at Epiphany this coming Sunday, Oct. 23 and she hopes people from St. Andrews will be present.

Nancy Rollins reported that she has taken a new position with Easter Seals and will be doing strategic development. She is very excited about this new position but will need to leave the vestry. We are sad to see her leave but excited for her new opportunity.

Harvey reported that the Senior Luncheon was a great success and everyone wants to know when the next one will be held!

Kelly reminded us the Nomination season will soon be upon us.

Peter reported that he would soon be in contact with people as he works on next year's budget. Please tell him your wishes.

There being no other business, Jay closed the meeting with the Collect for St. Luke.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk

