

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London, NH  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2016

Attending: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Lisa Kelly, Jay MacLeod, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Judy Wallace

Absent: Martha Barron, Mark Kellett, Ellen Yenawine

Kelly started the meeting with an opening prayer.

Marni presented the **minutes** from the last meeting. The motion was made and seconded to approve them as a true and accurate record. The motion passed.

**Worship:** Our Christmas Eve services will be at 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm. The Christmas Eve service at Epiphany will be at 8pm.

Judy and Peter also commented that the 5pm service on Saturday, November 12, which was a celebration of the life of Dick Eaton in addition to the usual Eucharist, was a beautiful service and a lovely intertwining of the readings.

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> is St. Andrew's Day. There will be a 5pm Eucharist (wear plaid) with a potluck dinner following to celebrate the end of the Stewardship Campaign.

**Stewardship:** Bruce reported that at this moment we are \$14,500 below our goal. There is going to be a phone follow-up by the stewardship team. When the campaign is over, there will be an analysis to see if it was worth it to start as early as we did.

Finance: Peter presented the October budget to ledger report. Income and expenses are both at 83%. A bequest has been transferred from income to the diocesan investment fund. Notice has been sent regarding the amount of Jane Landenberger's bequest.

Jay and Peter are still working on the budget to be presented at the December meeting. Jay is hoping to have a music workshop in Newport at the end of August 2017 with an Upbeat summer camp during the week. There will be more details later.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Harvey reported that there is opposition to the overhead fans in the worship space. It is felt that they will just move the air and may block the view. Air conditioners that are wall mounted are being considered and will cost about \$17,000. The condensers would be on the outside of the building. They would be just like the one in Jay's office.

**Bequests:** What should be done with unrestricted bequest? Judy commented that she felt that bequests should not always be used for temporal things – some should be used for people/outreach. Could it go to the diocese but not be put into the endowment fund? Peter commented that a bequest needs to go in to the endowment

fund rather than the operating fund. The Finance Committee will need to meet to discuss this issue.

**Other business:** Jay reported that Kelly has almost completed the letter of agreement for Shelly, which will cover hours of employment and vacation time.

Kelly will check the by-laws regarding terms of vestry people. The nomination committee members are in place and the new slate will be ready for the December meeting.

Kelly also reported that people are interested in EfM and she hopes to start a class in January. Her classes on the prayer book have been well attended. All is going well at Epiphany.

Jay also spoke about welcoming everyone and reminding people about nametags. A discussion followed about putting stickers on newcomer's nametags (or possibly putting them on every nametag) with instructions to remove the sticker when you feel comfortable. Marni is to investigate the dots to be used.

The vestry approved Brenda Tirrell as a lay Eucharistic visitor. Marni and Jay signed the license form.

Harvey thanked Chris Heyl and Nick Eaton for their painting work around the church. The vestry also thanked Mary Eysenbach for all her gardening work. The grounds are beautiful. Harvey also mentioned that he has gotten an estimate for sealing the driveway: \$3000-\$3400. This estimate includes the line painting.

Harvey also mentioned that the last electric bill showed a spike in usage in October and wondered if we had any ideas why that happened?

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with a minute of silence and then a mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton