

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London, NH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

16 May 2017, 5PM

Attending: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Mark Kellett, Jay MacLeod, Becky Rylander, Peter Ruth, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Barbara Smith, Greg Vogt, Ellen Yenawine.

Absent: Lisa Kelly, Judy Wallace.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer at 5PM.

The April **Vestry minutes** were presented and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey reported that HR Clough will install 2 three ton air conditioning units in the church on May 22 and 23. Mark Kellett will inquire about air-conditioning for the parish hall.

The outside of OSA has been cleaned up and the debris has been hauled away. Thank you to Mary, Mark, Rosie, and Harvey. The inside is clean too and there was little to no signs of the bats.

Harvey asked for and was given approval to reseal and repaint the driveway. The \$3500 is in the budget.

Epiphany: Kelly reported that the Bishop's Committee would be meeting on June 7th to discuss plans for Epiphany. Kevin Nichols will be there as well. One of the items for discussion will be a change in the time of worship as well as possible changes to the worship area. Another plan is to reach out to younger people through music, especially through the Upbeat Music Summer Camp that will include students from St. Andrew's and Epiphany. A grant request is being made to "Our Kids" in the diocese to help fund this program. Kelly and Jay will be looking for lay volunteers.

Finance: Peter passed out the ledger to budget report. Our income is falling a little short this month. Under expenditures we have made 2 pension payments out of the 4. Line 6650 is high due to an unexpected computer repair. Line 8150, Altar Guild, is high also, but will probably be fine. Line 5410 is over but the premium has been paid. He also gave us an accounting of our 3 accounts with a comparison of our financial positions on Dec. 31, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

Worship: Kelly gave feedback to our pro and con comments about Easter. There were 100 at the early service and 300+ at the 10AM. In order to do a good job at nurturing the faithful and forming new disciples, what should we do next year?

- Add another service
- Have a baptism at each service

- Make sure the parish hall is ready for worship (with flowers)

Summer worship: The decision was made to have only 2 services from Father's Day to Labor Day. There will be no 5PM service on Saturday. Instead the 8AM service at OSA will be a spoken service and the 10AM service at Gould Road will be All Age with music. Jay is also going to have the Memorial Weekend services honor those who died serving the USA in wars. Taps will be played and the bell will be tolled.

Stewardship: Bruce passed out a Stewardship Status report for us to look at and we will discuss it in June. The transfer of the leadership to the Edwards is under way.

Mission Action Plan: The next step is to match the goals to parishioners who will take the lead to accomplish them. More will be done on this in June. It is important that the whole church must participate if we are to be successful. Ellen is going to talk to Janet about retraining the Greeters.

Phillips Brooks plans: There will be a special leaders retreat as well as 2 group overnights on July 11-12 and July 24-25. One of the groups will come from another neighborhood in Dorchester.

Christian Formation: Kelly reported that EfM is raising the tuition next year so it might be nice to match the diocesan support and put that in the budget for next year. Kathleen may offer another course this year.

Summer Fair: Harvey reported that plans are under way and an organizational meeting will take place between the services on June 4. The tents have been reserved and the signage permission forms are ready to be submitted to the town. Someone has volunteered to run the plant sale this year. Harvey needs volunteers for the set up and take down.

Website: The launch date for the new site is May 24, 2017. The vestry thanks Rebecca for all of her work.

Photo Directory: Bruce has been in touch with Life Touch. There will be no impact on Shelly and no cost to the church or to anyone to have their picture taken. Bruce will need help at the door the day the pictures are taken. The directory can be updated when there are 15 new people.

St. Andrew's Story Seekers: Joe has interviewed Hank Otto and Kate has interviewed Priscilla Ohler.

The meeting was adjourned following a moment of silence and then our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk

