

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew — New London, NH
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017

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

May Vestry Minutes were approved.

Updates:

Summer Fair

Harvey is still waiting for permits to set up tents for the fair from the Town of New London. The plan is to set up tents and the dog show ring on Friday, June 30th at 1pm. He is still looking for additional volunteers (Kelly noted the upcoming St. Francis Blessing event.) We were also reminded that the sealing of the parking lot would take place on July 5, starting at 8am and finishing by 4pm.

Phillips Brooks Partnership

Becky stated that help is still needed with breakfast and lunch on the first day. She is working on bandanas and researching a possible logo. Jay noted that the counselors were coming in advance and should be here in time for the Summer Fair. Lisa volunteered Billy to help with tents and mosquito nets.

Website: Jay expressed appreciation to all who were contributing to the new church website. He also noted that **Edward Kanu**, who has a ministry to Sierra Leone, will be present for an upcoming African Eucharist.

Photo Directory

Bruce is taking reservations for the photo taking for our new Photo Directory. Sessions are available on Thursday, July 13 from 2-9PM, Friday, July 14 from 2-9PM and on Saturday, July 15 from 10AM to 5PM. For those who cannot make any of those dates and times, please let Bruce know so we can schedule make-up sessions.

Air Conditioning

Harvey received accolades for the installation of air conditioning in the sanctuary, which appears to be working very well. He is waiting for an estimate on air conditioning for the Parish Hall.

Christian Formation

Jay announced that Kathleen Rusnak would be doing another series, this one on Forgiveness, from October through November for 8 weeks on Sundays.

Finance

Peter passed out the Ledger to Budget for May 2017 as well as a document on St. Andrew's Financial Position as of May 31, 2017. He concluded by noting that St. Andrew's was in a healthy financial state.

High School Youth:

Lisa, who has volunteered to lead the group, hopes to bring high-schoolers together for faith, fellowship, and food. The group would meet weekly or every other week. She would also like to include outings and service. She was inspired by a class at the Lay Leadership Institute and by the program called "The Living Compass," based on wholeness and wellness with faith serving as the compass. She passed out information on "The Teen Compass."

Another focus was on a mission trip for members of the group who are 15 to El Hogar in Honduras, which provides a home and education for Homeless kids. The proposed mission trip for young adults is April 21-28, 2018. There was some discussion later in the meeting of cost (\$250 for the stay, \$650 for airfare, plus extras adding up to around \$1,000/participant) and ways to raise funds, e.g. services provided by the kids for donations, matching funds/sponsors/"pool of patrons. Bruce suggested we consider the Queensborough Shirt Co. in NC with St Andrew's clothing for sale and 10% profit going to specific projects.

Mission Action Plan:

Joe is spearheading a plan to celebrate first responders by holding a prayer service, which would include first responders and their families from Newport and five surrounding towns on a Saturday evening in the fall followed by a coffee hour. A formal letter of invitation would be sent out followed by phone calls from Joe and those working with him on this initiative. It was noted that it would be important to consult with chiefs to assure that there were no issues that would preclude such a gathering.

Bruce has reviewed the action plan and notes that there are holes in sign-ups. He has revised the numbering system.

Epiphany Newport:

Kelly reported on the meeting held on June 7 attended by the Bishop, Kevin Nichols, others on the Bishop's Committee, Jay, Kelly, Epiphany parishioners and Marni. At this meeting, parishioners embraced renewal for the church to include:

1. Reordering of the worship space and removal of the pews to make the church more accessible, both physically and atmospherically.
2. The institution of a Youth Choir School on Friday afternoons (inspired by a foundational singing camp in August) where the kids would learn songs to sing during worship at Epiphany at the 5pm worship on Saturdays. It is hoped that Epiphany can hire a singing leader with pastoral care skills to facilitate this initiative.
3. The 5pm Saturday worship service at Epiphany will begin on August 19th.

The budget for the renewal has been estimated at \$10,000. Epiphany will contribute \$4,000, and the diocese will provide \$4,000. Additional funds might come from "Our Kids" program, grant money. Marni proposed that St. Andrew's make up the difference. A motion to this effect was made by Marni and seconded by Greg that St. Andrew's contribute the remaining \$2,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Pattern of Worship:

Jay proposed the following worship times and content at St. Andrew's to begin this fall:

8am: Traditional service that would include minimal music (e.g. the Doxology)

9:30am: Family service

11am: "Classic" Episcopal Service

Sunday School will begin on the second Sunday of September.

The meeting was adjourned following a prayer led by Jay.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Yenawine for Marni Eaton