

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

**Present:** Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Jay MacLeod, Becky Rylander, Peter Ruth, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Greg Vogt, Barbara Smith.

**Absent:** Mark Kellett, Lisa Kelly, Judy Wallace, and Ellen Yenawine.

**Guests:** Morris Edwards, Chuck Thompson

Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from July as a true and accurate record. The motion passed.

**Updates:**

**Pictures** for the directory will be taken on September 12 from 1pm-8pm and on September 13 from 10am-5pm. So far the church has received a check for \$332 from the first picture taking session and people seem to be happy with the pictures.

**Epiphany:** 5pm service begins on August 19. Last week there were 6 visitors. The floors are done, the staining is done and the chairs are up. There are 16 children at the music camp (2 are from Newport). The Bishop is coming on the 26<sup>th</sup> to bless the altar. There is a possibility of a group from a Lutheran Church in Portland, Maine coming on a field trip to see the revision of the space. Kelly spoke about the wonderful spirit she has felt as the new worship space has been coming together with people washing windows, dusting, painting and putting chairs together.

**Finance:** Peter passed out the ledger to budget report. We are exactly where we want to be. He also passed out a report that covered the Diocesan Investment Fund, our Money Market account and our checking account balances as of July 31, 2017. If anyone has questions, we can send Peter an email.

**Pattern of worship: Jay reminded all of us that the pattern of worship is the rector's responsibility.** He reported that he shared the responses that were sent to him with Becky, Bruce, Marni and Kelly. Bruce tabulated the responses and put the essential points on a spreadsheet. Bruce reported that of the responses only 14 people said no. There were many thoughtful comments and there remain those who like music and those who like quiet. There were a few responses that involved mission and evangelism. There was no appetite for the 11:15 am service – the choir did not want to sing. Parishioners love seeing and hearing from the children. The 8am service this summer has gone well and people like the music, as it has been – unaccompanied Doxology, Gloria and maybe a well-known, well-loved hymn. People

like the All Age service the first Sunday of the month. On Festival Sundays the 10am service could be intentionally more classically Episcopal with special music.

Based on the responses, the attendance record and the recommendation of the 5 who have explored all the issues closely, it was moved by Greg and seconded by Joe to continue with the current 8 and 10 o'clock services. The motion carried unanimously.

**Upcoming events:**

**Camp Coniston** on Sept.17 at 10am

**Virtual Store:** Barbara and Bruce have met and selected merchandise. More information will be coming our way.

**Elections:** be thinking about who has the gift of discernment and who has the gift of leadership.

Becky will be away Sept. 21-Oct. 3; Barbara will be away Sept. 12 – Sept 19; Jay will be away Oct.30-Nov.24.

After a moment of silence, Jay closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk