Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London, NH

Vestry Minutes

January 17, 2017

Attending: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Mark Kellett, Jay MacLeod, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Judy Wallace.

Absent: Martha Barron, Lisa Kelly, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Ellen Yenawine

Jay opened the meeting at 5pm with a prayer.

Minutes: Marni presented the December minutes. Richard made the motion to accept the minutes. Harvey seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance: Peter presented a recap of his meeting on Sunday regarding the budget. He explained the budgetary process to the congregation. Some questions were asked and there was a good discussion as well. *Congratulations to Peter for his work on the new format for the budget.*

Jane Landenberger's bequest is in a Capital One account. Judy spoke to a good friend of Jane's, who in turn spoke to Jane's daughter, and the money is to be used "as needed".

Annual meeting: Becky and Bruce have everything under control. The format will be the same as last year: thanks to retiring vestrypersons, election of new vestry members, Jay's say and the slideshow which will include a short video of the time at Taize.

Christian Formation: EfM will begin at the end of January. Kathleen will teach a course on the Book of Ruth in February and a course during Lent. Jay will teach a Pastoral Care course during Eastertide. Joe Kealy has interviewed Neil Atkins and it is available to hear on our website.

Building and Grounds: Harvey reported that there was too much heat in the church recently due to a defective relay in the system. The new part was ordered and installed by Mark Kellett and all is currently working.

The Bus Trip to Boston is set for 18 February. We will go to the Museum of Fine Arts. After lunch, we will head to the 3PM performance of *Billy Elliot* with Shane Boucher playing Billy.

We will follow our regular schedule for **Lent and Easter**. There will be an ecumenical service on Good Friday. David Almond is working on which hymns will

be sung and he is also composing some music. Jay would like to do the Stations of the Cross again. The dawn service on Easter will again take place at the church.

Becky and Jay met with Liz Kinchen, Executive Director, to learn about a residential school in Honduras, "El Hogar", which might be another choice for Outreach.

Judy asked if we could raise the profile on KREM. An article in the network might help raise awareness.

There is an abutters' hearing about the Wood property on King Hill Road on January 24. Harvey will contact Nancy Rollins to see if there is any need to be concerned.

There being no further business, we watched the Taize video (Taize 2017-YouTube) and then blessed each other with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk