

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

21 March 2017, 5pm

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

Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the Vestry meeting in February were presented by Marni and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Bruce presented the annual report metrics and reminded us that historical information tells the story of the parish. We are grateful to Bruce for his work compiling this data for us.

Jay mentioned the following updates to our worship services:

- The Bishop is coming to all 3 services the weekend of March 25 and 26
- Stations of the Cross at Epiphany on 31 March at 12 noon
- Good Friday ecumenical service with Sarah Marean preaching
- Holy week – please make it a priority – Baptisms at both Easter services

Finance: Peter presented the ledger to budget report for the first 2 months. Our expenditures are at 16% (on target) and our income is at 24% (distorted by pre-paid pledges). He feels we are off to a good start.

The Parochial Report has been completed and sent to the diocese. Peter thanked Mark Kellett for his work on the report. Our Fair Share is up \$366 per month from 2016. (We budgeted \$70,000 and our new amount is \$70,866. We paid the old amount Jan-March.) The Parochial Report asks if you have had an audit and the answer should be “yes”. It helps to give a comfort level that all is going correctly. The motion was made and seconded to retain Rowley to do the financial review again this year with the cost not to exceed \$4500. The final question was “What is good practice for a church our size to have a full audit?”

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey has one estimate for air conditioning and will be getting 2 others. The vestry decided to allow Harvey to choose the contractor and hopefully have the air-conditioning in place in the church by Father’s Day. The cost is not to exceed \$20,000.

The water bill for April 2016-November 2016 was \$864. The bill for the same period the year before was \$200. Was the water left on overnight or was this just the result

of a dry summer and all the new planting? Either way, we all agreed that the grounds are beautiful.

Harvey is going to buy new runners for the hallway for \$300. He also reported that there is a ceiling tile in the hallway that is damaged. Harvey has tried to patch it unsuccessfully. He is going to look into other options. Mark and Joe have offered to help and do the project in-house. They will decide what to do and when to do it and then ask for other volunteers.

Christian Formation:

- EfM is going well. The heart and soul of EfM is theological reflection and recognizing the work of the divine in your life.
- Lenten Bible study is going well too.
- Eastertide: weekday morning workshops are being planned. One will be on planning your own funeral. Another will be on delivering care.
- George Sutherland requested that we have a speaker on the Palestinian perspective of the Holy Land. Jay is coordinating this.
- Cricket Cooper is returning to New London for a book signing on April 20th. Her book, Chemo Pilgrim, is about her 18-month journey following a cancer diagnosis.
- Kids 4 Peace is happening this summer and 2 of our young middle-schoolers will be going.
- Vestry Retreat: planned for April 1, (now April 10 due to the weather) will take place in Newport at Epiphany. The focus will be to create a mission action plan. We will develop SMART priorities for the next 5 years-
specific, measurable, attainable, resourced, timed

Epiphany update: They have been given a fair share adjustment. Mission Resources is asking for clarity on the partnership with St. Andrew's.

Phillips Brooks summer plans: 2 overnights are scheduled: July 11 and 12, and July 24 and 25. Campsites (1,2,10) have been reserved. It is possible that another camp may participate.

Ellen reported that St. Andrew's Middle School Youth Group raised \$1900 for refugees. On May 7th there will be a showing of a film about refugees for interested adults and middle school students at the first Baptist Church at 11:30am. At 2 o'clock the same day and the same place, Michael Salo will receive his Eagle Scout badge.

Following a moment of silence, we blessed each other and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marni Eaton, Clerk