

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

16 December 2021

Present (on Zoom): Jay MacLeod, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Morris Edwards, Lisa Kelly, Lin Potter, Mike Quinn, Russ Register, Nonie Reynders, Barbara Smith, Alice Perry.

Absent: Chris Heyl, Karen Zurheide.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

**November minutes** were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Priorities for 2022:** Jay shared his screen with a list of five priorities to engage the community before we attempt to offer Messy Church programming:

- Support children where needed, e.g., elementary school, sports, to establish relationships
- Bible study through AIL with Art Rosen, ensuring enough space for interested parishioners in addition to wider community
- Pilgrimage to Navajoland for adults and teens
- Braver Angels, with six leaders identified for training and orientation
- Emerging needs as realities unfold

Jay noted that the new legacy fund can provide funding for innovative, creative activities.

**Finance:** Mike reported that the **legacy giving** committee met today. They are sorting through recent bequests and working on a program roll-out.

The **monthly treasurer's report** was sent out prior to the meeting. As noted in that email, Mike anticipates a possible surplus at year's end.

The **2022 budget** was also sent out prior to the meeting. Mike noted we have just completed a robust stewardship campaign for 2022. It was **moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the 2022 budget as presented.**

Jay noted there is \$2000 left in the 2021 budget for Outreach. It was **moved, seconded and unanimously voted to send that amount to Clinique St. Esprit in Haiti.**

**Democratic committee request:** After our discussion at November's meeting, Marni contacted Gail Avery at Diocesan House and learned that it is best to decline to host a political group in order to avoid the optics of possible partisanship. Shelly will inform the Democratic committee when they check back in with her. Meanwhile Marni is working on developing a policy that spells out use of the building and associated fees.

**Worship:** Jay noted there will be three Christmas Eve services (4, 6 and 10 PM) with all also relayed to the parish hall in case of crowding. The 10 PM service will also be broadcast for remote viewing. For Christmas Day, either Jay or Lucretia Jevne will preside. Lucan lessons and

carols follow at both services on Sunday, 26 December. Epiphany will be observed on 2 January without a pageant, and celebration of Jesus' Baptism on 9 January will be with Odie presiding in Jay's absence. The usual cycle of services continues with Candlemas on 30 January and on into pre-Lent and Lent and so on.

**Annual meeting:** Marni presented the slate as follows:

Vestry for three years – Russ Register and Billy Kelly

Vestry for 1 year – Clare Pace

Warden for two years -- Karen Zurheide

Western Convocation delegates for three years – JoAnn Hicks and Barbara Smith

Alice volunteered to be nominated as alternate delegate.

Marni asked that convocation delegates be listed with other elected positions on the last page of the newsletter.

In consideration of a possible COVID surge, we decided to hold the annual meeting on Zoom rather than in person. The new date is 30 January at 4 PM.

**Confirm license renewals vote:** Voted previously by email, we confirmed **approval of lay eucharistic minister license renewals by unanimous vote** for Nola Jordan, Christine Kellett, Mark Kellett, Gardner Yenawine and George Sutherland.

**Braver Angels:** Jay expressed gratitude that while some vestry members expressed by email some questions about the national program, they trusted the rector's judgment for proceeding.

**Any other business:** Alice noted that choir members have difficulty getting to choir rehearsal, especially when meeting on Zoom, and asked if there might be another day we could meet. Consensus was that the fourth Monday at 4 PM would work for those present. Alice will contact absent vestry as well as nominees to ensure the new day and time will work for everyone.

Jay closed the meeting with a moment of silence and our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Perry, Clerk

**Note: The next vestry meeting date will be determined soon.**