

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

22 October 2020

Present (via ZOOM): Jay MacLeod, Aaron Jenkyn, Bruce Avery, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Morris Edwards, Chris Heyl, Lisa Kelly, Lin Potter, Mike Quinn, Russ Register, Barbara Smith, Greg Vogt, Alice Perry.

Jay opened the meeting with a collect in honor of St. James of Jerusalem.

Jay next noted his responsibility as cure of souls – everybody in St. Andrew’s catchment area with special responsibility to church members and church leaders. In that light, we each spoke in response to tell one another, “how it is with your soul.”

Worship: Jay reviewed his plans for rotating worship services on a four-week schedule. We continue with two pre-recorded virtual services and one in-person Eucharist (next planned is for 8 November) with live video, checking public health statistics immediately prior to ensure everyone’s safety. The fourth Sunday service, “InSpirit,” will be offered for the first time on 25 October. The next InSpirit service will celebrate St. Andrew and plans are underway to have that filmed at Old St. Andrew’s. Jay noted that our proposal to the diocesan Mission Resources Committee in support of those innovative services has been deferred until the next committee meeting.

Jay said that the church will be open for private prayer pre- and post-election. It will also be open for people to light a candle for loved ones in observance of All Saints and All Souls. In December we will offer a virtual Christmas service and will again partner with St. Luke’s in Renton, WA for a service observing the winter solstice. Finally, Jay noted how important the virtual midday prayer services are for anchoring the day at noon.

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

Finance: Mike e-mailed financial materials and comments in advance of the meeting. He noted that while revenues are flattening pledges continue well. Paper work for the PPP loan seeking forgiveness is in process with results perhaps three to six months away.

It was moved, seconded and **voted with one abstention to authorize treasurer Mike Quinn to execute paperwork to transition the Rob Freitas bequest from Fidelity to church funds.** Rob bequeathed about \$140,000 to support young people in St. Andrew’s and Epiphany/Newport’s catchment area.

Work on the **2021 budget** is largely pro forma. Any anticipated Buildings and Grounds capital expenditures are important in this process.

Stewardship: Jay said a letter that the vestry had already received as a draft will be sent to all church members this week. He is optimistic that this “non-campaign” will be successful.

Buildings and Grounds: Some interior Plexiglas panels on the lantern fell into the sanctuary and others were loose and have been removed. It was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to spend \$3590 for Granite State Glass to install film to replace those panels.** Chris reported the film comes with a 15-year warranty and he will consult with the Green Committee and art committee about possibly also installing the film on the parish hall windows. He also said the roof on the shed will be replaced this fall at a cost of \$1800.

Art Committee: Greg reported that the art committee continues to meet regularly on Zoom and is looking forward to parishioners' feedback via a Survey sent earlier this month. He also spoke about preliminary planning for a revolving art display in the parish hall and noted that committee conversation continues about bathroom art.

Other Business: Aaron spoke about the successful outdoor activities with the Newport Upbeat group and Jay added that Nicole Densmore is hoping to involve New London Upbeat youth in the Advent and Christmas virtual services.

Jay closed the meeting with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Perry, Clerk

Note: The next vestry meeting (on ZOOM) will be at 5 PM on 19 November --

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