

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

19 September 2017

Present: Bruce Avery, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Mark Kellett, Lisa Kelly, Jay MacLeod, Becky Rylander, Peter Ruth, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Ellen Yenawine, Judy Wallace.

Absent: Harvey Best, Barbara Smith, and Greg Vogt.

Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer for the Eve of Ember Days from the Book of Common Prayer.

**Minutes:** Marni presented the minutes from the August Vestry meeting. It was moved by Ellen and seconded by Peter to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. The motion passed unanimously.

**Stewardship:** Bruce reported that he is doing a final review of the spreadsheet and is trying to capture the impact of those who are no longer part of the parish. Jay and Bruce are going to meet with the Reynders and the Edwardses. Becky will send a memo to those who have input for the budget. Kelly presented her idea for the Stewardship brochure. She is hoping to find someone with graphic design experience to help with the layout. Lisa is going to check with her daughter.

**Newport:** Kelly reported that Saturday night was fun. A young man singing in the choir brought his friends along and they joined in with the singing. There is a wonderful cross-fertilization taking place with Upbeat, 4-H, and Jay's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' soccer team. Gardner Yenawine has agreed to be an occasional volunteer for Upbeat music.

**Outreach:** Becky passed out the Outreach Ledger report that matched income to expenses. Based on this report, Becky made the motion to fund \$3500 to Haiti. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Elizabeth Lowell is going to Haiti for the opening of a nursing academy and she is planning to visit the pediatrician. Peter suggested that a note be included to tell them that there are some other international concerns for 2018 that we are considering. Joe asked about the line item for veteran's support. Jay replied that that money was allocated for a project that did not get off the ground and therefore it will not be spent and it will help to balance the funds.

**Finance:** Peter passed out the ledger to budget report covering January 1, 2017 through August 30, 2017 and the liquidity report for August 31, 2017. We received \$27,000 in pledges in August but we are falling short in the Thrift Shop. Otherwise we are in a healthy position.

**First Responders:** Jay has been in touch with Dan Andrews, the Fire Chief in Concord. Pam at the NL Hospital and Jay Lyon, NL Fire Dept. have agreed to the proposal. Jay is waiting to hear from Ed Anderson. The date has been set for October 24.

**Elections:** Kelly reminded us that Becky, Marni, Ellen and Judy will be on the nominating committee. She asked for suggestions of men who attend the 8 and 10 o'clock services for members-at-large.

**Other:**

Bruce reported that he is very happy with the sales in the *virtual store*. He wondered where our profits should go? The vestry decided that we could change the beneficiary each quarter, and that this quarter the money would go to Episcopal Relief and Development in support of hurricane victims.

**Newcomers:** The suggestion was made that new members have nametags printed on yellow paper with a regular nametag on white paper also in the plastic holder. It would be up to the member to remove the yellow nametag when they feel comfortable. Marni will pass this information to Shelly. Bruce mentioned the possibility of slide shows during coffee hour. The Loafer Program is up and running again under the guidance of Marilyn Paradis.

High School Youth Group: Lisa reported that they had their first meeting. 2 girls came and decided that they would like to have 3 weeks of Bible Study and 1 week open for projects with the Baptist youth. They will meet downstairs and will decorate the room to make it their space. The vestry thanked Lisa and Billy Kelly for committing their time and talents to this program.

The meeting was closed with a mutual blessing led by Jay.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk

