

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

16 January 2018

Present: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Mark Kellett, Jay MacLeod, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Barbara Smith, Greg Vogt, Ellen Yenawine.

Absent: Lisa Kelly, Judy Wallace.

Jay and Becky opened the meeting with prayers.

Marni presented the **December minutes**. Joe made the motion to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bruce reported that the **Stewardship** pledges currently stand at \$383,738 (\$21,000 short of the goal). There were 17 fewer pledgers this year.

Budget: Peter reported that December was a good month with more income and fewer expenses, not including the air conditioners. Prepaid pledges for 2018 amount to \$90,000. Becky then discussed the budget expenses. There was a question about the boiler maintenance. Harvey believes that we have a date although it is usually done in August. He will confirm that. We also need to clarify Epiphany's contributions towards the cleaning costs and where it appears in the budget. Becky also reported that there have been small adjustments made to the budget with the pledge income lowered to \$390,000. With the surplus from this year the bottom line of income would be \$520,824 and expenses would be \$519,466. She still needs to clarify what percentage the clergy and staff pay towards their health insurance. Becky hopes to meet with Becky Forbes and Shelly soon to clarify the best way to handle a few accounting issues. Mark suggested that he would like us to look at the budget each month and adjust it as necessary. Everyone felt that it would be good to start drafting the budget for 2019 earlier and have our first look at it in November.

Jay is going to speak with Charlie Forbes about Endowment gifts in the hopes of getting that program going this year.

Outreach: Becky, Harvey, Greg, and Elizabeth Lowell are working on a new program for Outreach. One Sunday per month the loose plate offering will be designated for a specific project. It will be well advertised and the money will be above and beyond our pledges. This small committee (2 more members will be added) will look at charities beyond what we already do and develop new relationships. Specifics need to be worked out but this is consistent with our MAP goal of increasing our Outreach.

Bruce shared the agenda for the Annual Meeting. If there are too many people the meeting will be in the church, followed by the social hour and dinner in the Parish Hall. The slide show of our activities will be played in the Parish Hall.

Updates:

Epiphany : Aaron Jenkyn has been hired for 10 hours per week to do Outreach, pastoral and administrative work. The mission team is still in the works.

Pilgrimage – Jay is hoping to find help for the administration of this group. There are 27 people going and 24 are going on to Jordan.

Vital Worship: Nicole, David, and Jay completed the grant proposal. The money, if granted, will support the Upbeat Choir in Newport, the all-age service here, and the service on the mountain. The worship Committee will also be re-invigorated.

Lent: The program will be “Meeting Jesus in John”. There will be 6 small groups meeting at various times for a total of 7 sessions. The kick-off will be the Sunday before Lent. Information will be sent in an email blast.

Other business: Bruce reported that not everyone likes the hanging nametags so he has provided clips for them. They will be available on the table below the nametags.

Judy Wallace has made arrangements for **notecards** and has funded the first 100. We are very grateful for her work and contribution.

Jay closed the meeting with our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk