

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew's – New London
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016

Attending: Martha Barron, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Gail Goddard, Richard Haines, Carolyn Lockhart, Jay MacLeod, Theresa Quinn, Nancy Rollins, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Bill Sloan, Ellen Yenawine.
Absent: Kelly Sundberg Seaman

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The December minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

Treasurer's report: Bill explained the budget for 2016. Line 3180 Contributions has been reduced because those are people who gave regularly but did not pledge and the stewardship committee has turned them into pledgers.

There is a \$12,000 surplus for 2015. Previous surpluses are in a money market fund. We have taken no money from our endowment,

The financial meeting between the services drew 25-30 people. One question from the floor regarding why we do not have a fund to recover repairs and depreciation was answered by another parishioner, "We have a fund drive!"

Discretionary Fund receipts are necessary at the end of each year. A new Discretionary Fund for Kelly will need to be set up. These need to be overseen by the treasurer.

Election: Peter recused himself. Becky made the motion that Peter, pending the election, as of Jan. 25, 2016 be authorized to sign checks. Nancy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Peter returned to the group.

Finance Committee: Peter commented that Bill is leaving the church in great shape. He explained that the Finance Committee is an advisory committee and meets on an as needed basis. Peter's committee includes Charlie and Becky Forbes, John Tilley, Rink Reynders, Mark Kellett, Bruce Avery, and George Jamison.

Worship: Jay has gotten emails from parishioners that have commented that they like having the order of service in hand. Jay and Kelly will continue to work with David to help form the music at 8 o'clock.

Nicole will be sending out promotional material about two different 6-week blocks of music for 4-8th graders to rehearse for performances on Easter and Christmas.

The Bishop will be visiting on May 10, 2016 at 7PM for baptism, confirmation and reception.

The Fisher Cat game date is August 20, 2016.

Annual Meeting: People should go away enthused. Following the business, Bruce will show his slide review of 2015. Jay will end with a talk about the ministry of the baptized.

Canterbury: Jay explained that we have been banned from meetings. He will send out an email blast with an explanation.

Other: Bruce Avery has said that he can make a plaque for the outside wall. Vestry members would like it to be as big as allowed by town guidelines. Harvey will work with Bruce to accomplish it.

Bell: Harvey was able to get close to the bell (Kindness of the town) and take pictures that he then sent to the company. The company suggested a replacement part for \$700.

Jay closed the meeting by thanking the retiring members of the vestry: Gail, Carolyn, Bill, and Theresa.

Carolyn and Bill commented that it has been a pleasant experience. The rest of the vestry thanked them as well.

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Respectfully submitted,
Marni Eaton, Clerk