

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew's – New London
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016

Attending: Bruce Avery, Martha Barron, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Mark Kellett, Jay MacLeod, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Judy Wallace, and Ellen Yenawine

Absent: Lisa Kelly, Nancy Rollins, and Kelly Sundberg Seamen

Jay opened the meeting at 5PM with a prayer.

He welcomed our new vestry members and suggested that we defer the mission statement discussion until our March meeting when Kelly will be with us.

Rector's report:

- **Worship** - The 8am service changes were never intended to be a quick fix. The kinks are still being worked on to make it a compelling service that will draw new and old members.
- We need to encourage participation in the Holy Week services.
- Nicole is distributing notices about the "Upbeat Youth Choir".
- Approval of LEMs and LEVs: LEM renewals for Nola Jordan, Joanne Schuyler, Maddie Snaith, Karen Floyd Shepherd, and Greg Vogt; LEV renewals for Lindsay Holmes and Wendy Sloan; new LEV licenses for Greg Vogt, Nan Vulgamore, and Joanne Schuyler; new LEM and LEV licenses for Gardner Yenawine, and Mark and Christine Kellett.
- **Activities:** We are still looking for leaders to emerge on the Pastoral Care Team. We are again sponsoring children who would like to attend The Barbara C. Harris Camp this summer.
- **Newport:** Alice Roberts will be taking a sabbatical this summer for 3 months. Until then, Alice will only be doing 2 Sundays per month. It is hoped that the retired clergy in the area will pick up the other services as well as helping out in the summer. It is Alice's intent to retire in April 2017.

Vestry Retreat: The date was set for 20 April 2016. It is hoped that people who work may be able to get that day off. A tentative schedule for the day was passed out.

Since Jay was still not feeling well, he left the meeting and we continued without him.

Becky welcomed the new members again and we all introduced ourselves with brief biographies. Becky passed out the ground rules for our meetings and shared information about the Lay Leadership Institute and the diocese and national church websites.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Treasurer's report: Peter reported that we have \$129,597 in the Checking and Money Market account as well as \$672,000 in the Endowment and other assets as reported in the 2015 Annual report. He then explained the January Ledger to Budget report.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey has replaced a light in the Thrift Shop and installed a new lighting strip in the choir loft. The actual fixtures for that strip are a work in progress. We

need to replace the rebuilt vacuum cleaner in the church. After a discussion about possible replacements, Harvey made the motion, seconded by Ellen, that money not to exceed \$500 be available to purchase a new vacuum cleaner. The motion passed.

Parochial Report: Becky shared a copy of our parochial report that is required by the diocese each year.

If you know that you are not going to be able to come to a meeting, please let someone know' Also if you are going to be out of town, it is helpful if we know that too.

Peter will be away Feb. 19-27, and May 4-23. He also may be away in March.

There being no other business, Richard gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk