

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

Attending: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Marni Eaton, Richard Haines, Mark Kellett, Lisa Kelly, Jay MacLeod, Peter Ruth, Becky Rylander, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Judy Wallace, Ellen Yenawine.

Absent: Martha Barron, Nancy Rollins

Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer at 4pm.

The minutes of the March Vestry Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

Bruce Avery presented "St. Andrew's At-a-Glance". It compared average Sunday attendance, number of pledges, the pledged amount and other categories from the parochial reports from 2008 to 2015. The next step will be to map the changes that may be due to a change in the Bishop, a change in the priest, etc. He may go back further to compare. The content of the parochial report often reflects the view of who is in charge of it and we were cautioned that it might not be gospel. The vestry thanked Bruce for his work.

Peter presented the first quarter report. We had a good first quarter and the ledger to budget report shows that everything is where it should be.

Richard, Bruce and Peter will investigate the proposal for a new pictorial directory and report back in May.

Kelly reported that Alice Roberts feels called to a different ministry due to the death of her daughter. She begins her 3-month sabbatical on May 15th and will retire at the end of that time. Kelly's curacy will not change but things will change for Epiphany. Hannah Anderson will be with Epiphany one Sunday per month through September. Kelly will be there 1-2 Sundays per month. Jay and some of our retired clergy may fill in on the other Sunday each month. Alice's retirement has quite an impact on Newport and the Methodist pastors are retiring in June as well.

What does the Jesus movement look like in Newport?

What can we do to celebrate Alice's ministry?

Mission statement:

With St. Andrew and all our companions in faith, we are learning to follow Jesus in the way of love.

The vestry agreed to the changes and approved the statement as reflecting our mission.

Pastoral Care: There is a real need for a team that is intentional about looking out for parishioners and coordinating any help/visits that need to be given. Gail Goddard, Barbara Smith, and Ginny Register have accepted the job. They will shepherd people and handle the communication with Jay and Kelly. Shelly will forward information to them as she becomes aware of needs. Do not assume that Jay or Kelly know about people. Please tell Shelly. If you or someone you know is at DH, please let Kelly know.

Other: Shelly will be away April 29-May 2.

The piano in the Parish Hall needs to be moved out of the direct sunlight. There was no objection.

A group is starting to work on plans for the Phillips-Brooks House project.

Thanks to Judy Wallace for taking over the scheduling of announcement speakers.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey reported the following:

- New window in Kelly's door
- New vacuum cleaner on main floor
- Thanks to Mark for working on the other vacuums
- The stumps have been removed in front of the fence
- Granite curbing will be installed on each side of the walkway (update – granite is too expensive so slate curbing is being used)
- The applications for sign permits and use of the land on July 2nd have been filed (summer fair)

A pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Taize travelers is scheduled for Mother's Day, May 8, following both the 8 and 10 o'clock services.

Youth Group: There will be a lock-in for them on May 14th. Their final activity will be a picnic at the beach. The Homeless Project raised \$1522. \$900 went to The Haven and the rest was given to the food pantry.

There being no other business, Jay reminded us that we would meet the next day at 8:45am at the church to leave for our retreat in Boston. After a moment of silence, we blessed each other with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk