

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew – New London

Vestry Meeting Minutes

20 December 2016, 5pm

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

Absent: Martha Barron, Judy Wallace

Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer found on page 848 of the BCP.

Marni presented the **minutes** of the November meeting. Becky made the motion to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Richard seconded the motion and it passed.

Stewardship: Bruce reported that the campaign total stand at \$388,918 with a total of 171 pledges, 20 of which are new.

Treasurer's report: Peter passed out the ledger to budget report from January to November. Income and expenses both are at 92%. This puts us in a very good position to end the year on target.

The 2017 budget draft shows an increase of 6.5% in income and expenses. There will be a presentation of the budget between services on January 15, 2017. Prepaid pledges for 2017 are in a separate account and will show up in the January reports. Bruce made the motion to approve the budget. Becky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Peter thanked Becky, Jay and Becky Forbes for their help.

Clergy Housing resolution: Becky made the motion to approve \$35,000 for Jay and \$30,000 for Kelly for clergy housing allowances. Ellen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kelly reported that the **nomination committee** was hard at work and that Chuck Thompson was contacting the potential vestry members. When the people are in place, an email blast will go out to the membership. (On January 3 the following was sent: Warden to 2019 – Bruce Avery; Vestry to 2019 – Barbara Smith; Vestry to 2020 – Harvey Best, Greg Vogt, and Joe Daly.)

Staffing: Kelly has been working with Shelly to draft a job description and letter of agreement. Shelly will be allowed 3 weeks of vacation that will be flexible. If she exceeds this time, there will be no pay. She needs to keep track of her hours and tell Jay when she will not be in.

Christian formation: The Prayer Book course was very successful and there is a hunger for Bible study. EfM will start in late January on Tuesday from noon until

half past two. Kathleen Rusnak is interested in teaching a course on Sundays during Lent from 11:45-1:00.

There will be a carol sing on Friday, Jan.6, 2017 at 7pm.

Other business: The annual meeting will be on January 29 between the services. Bruce and Becky will work on the slide show of the year's activities. Becky reported that we have a nice thank you letter from the mission in Haiti.

Richard reported that the lighting in the last pew behind the acolytes is very dim – something to consider this next year. Also Bellehouse is putting out a CD in January and Richard will pursue how to get it.

Harvey reported on how much it would cost to upgrade our bell but the decision was not to pursue it at this point.

There being no other business, we stood for a moment of silence, blessed each other with the grace, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk