

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

Present: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Mark Kellett, Lisa Kelly, Jay MacLeod, Becky Rylander, Peter Ruth, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Greg Vogt, Judy Wallace.

Absent: Barbara Smith, Ellen Yenawine

Guest: Rebecca Emery

Kelly opened the meeting with the prayer for Vocation in Daily Work from the BCP page 261.

Minutes: Two corrections were made to the minutes. Under the PB Partnership the first sentence should say "for the first group." Bruce asked that under the Photo Directory, the first sentence should state that he is taking reservations for the photo taking for the new directory. With these corrections, the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MAP Priority C – serving our neighbors near and far: Elizabeth Lowell has spoken to Jay about possible ways to enthuse parishioners about Outreach as well as creative ways to fund it. One example is to pick a particular Sunday each month and designate the open plate money for a particular outreach project. Becky and Harvey will work on this plan.

Website: Rebecca joined us to bring us up to date on the new website. Mary Eysenbach will continue to keep things, especially pictures, up to date. Anne Hall will continue to put the calendar on the site. Rebecca reported that she could track unique visitors and page views. She can also track what people search for. Possible personal safety issues still need to be addressed. The vestry offered many thanks to Rebecca for all her work bringing this project to fruition.

Virtual Store: Bruce will meet with Barbara Smith to identify 10-20 items with a 10, 15, or 20% mark up and will come back to the vestry with their decisions.

First Responders: Joe reported to the group that there are 72 paid (full or part-time) officers in the police, fire, and EMT departments in our area. There are also approximately 100 volunteers. Some decisions still need to be made about the prayer service. Joe is drafting a letter to be sent to each department chief and would then follow up with a phone call to determine how many might come. Light refreshments would be offered following the service. Jay mentioned that the Concord Fire Chief, Daniel Andrus, is also working as a Lay Pastoral Leader in Dunbarton and may be of help as we move forward with this plan.

Epiphany: The carpet and the pews have been removed. The floors will be refinished during the 1st week of August. Saturday, August 19th will be the first Saturday worship service. The Our Kids Commission has given a grant of \$10,000, the Bishop has given \$4000 from his discretionary fund, and the diocese has given an additional \$6550 to help with the cost and in support of the new venture. The parishioners are enthusiastic and are embracing the changes.

Finance: Peter passed out the Ledger to Budget report for June and noted that we are just where we want to be. He also passed out a 6-month financial report and said that our financial review is underway.

Bruce reported that the Stewardship excel worksheets are being updated and then will be turned over to the Edwards.

Phillips Brooks Partnership: Lisa reported that the first overnight went very well. Instead of climbing Kearsarge, the campers were able to take the chairlift to the top of Sunapee and hike down. Mt. Sunapee waved the fee for the lift. The favorite activities for the campers – tubing, s'mores, and stargazing! A new group is coming for the first time on July24-25.

Parish Life: Bruce reported that 81 family units showed up to have their pictures taken. 32 family units are on the stand-by list.

Becky reminded us to be careful about discussions, especially political, at church events. It is important to remember for all of us to listen and be welcoming and respectful of differing views, and important to remind others if we see a situation that might become uncomfortable.

Fall Worship: All services will be episcopal and have a Eucharist: silent, family friendly, and true musical service. Kelly suggested the idea of a quick survey about the services, and Lisa suggested that teenagers be surveyed separately from their parents.

Other:

Harvey reminded us of the collection for Edward Kanu as well as the packing of the bus and container next week. A notice will be in the bulletin.

St. Paul's School: Bishop Rob does not sit on the board there. His brother is the headmaster and Jay asked us to hold the whole community and victims in our prayers.

The meeting was adjourned after a moment of silence and a prayer led by Jay.

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Eaton, Clerk

