

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

19 July 2018

Present: Jay MacLeod, Bruce Avery, Marni Eaton, Morris Edwards, Lin Potter, Lisa Kelly, Peter Ruth, Greg Vogt, Alice Perry.

Absent: Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Mark Kellett, Barbara Smith.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer remembering Dave Pilla, recently departed.

In reference to, and with an opportunity to ponder, Dave's death, Jay noted that St. Andrew's will observe the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on Sunday and in that context will speak to the issues of mental illness and spiritual and community resources.

June minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

In response to the announcement of our intent to bring three **Interns** to support our mission and ministry at St. Andrew's and Epiphany, Newport, Jay reported receipt of many offers of household items from linens and crockery to box springs, mattresses and beds. Applications from the three are near completion and interviews via Skype will soon be arranged with Greg or Lisa participating, perhaps Aaron Jenkyn and another representative from Newport. We hope to complete the interviews and reference checks within two weeks in anticipation of the arrival in mid-October of the interns.

El Hogar service team: Greg will meet with Jay next week to work out details for the February 2019 trip. Interest was expressed for a face-to-face meeting with a representative of El Hogar and potential participants. Safety issues are one of the current concerns for the 10 to 15 people who might participate. The program will first be open to youngsters over age 15, with any remaining spots for adults. Participants are expected to make a financial contribution in addition to their service efforts, for which fund-raising will be employed.

Financial report: Peter distributed the liquidity report and ledger to budget for June, noting that expenses are under control and at an expected level. He repeated his concern that donations and contributions are behind last year and projection for this date. Jay noted that Christian education has spent the majority of its annual budget already and will look for another line item from which to draw in support of that important expense.

Rainbow flag: In response to the vandalism recently at the Wilmot Congregational Church Jay, with approval from Wardens Bruce and Marni, hung a rainbow flag on the exterior of the church facing the parking lot. Motion made and seconded with unanimous **approval to fly the rainbow flag on our wall**. The message of the flag that "God's doors are open to all" will be the focus of the Warden's Words in the next newsletter.

LEV/LEM license approval: After noting to the pastoral care team how overwhelmed Jay is with the need to bring communion to house-bound and those in various care facilities, he

identified three persons to assist in those visits. Motion made and seconded with unanimous approval to ***grant Lay Eucharistic Visitor/Minister status to Aaron Jenkyn, Jennifer Giles and George Sutherland.*** Applications will be prepared for signature at a later date.

In other business, Bruce announced **an opportunity for the church to participate in the Hospital Day parade on August 4.** The idea is for all Christian churches to march behind a single banner. We will let the congregation know of the opportunity and put up a sign-up sheet.

Peter commented on the resounding success of the first visit of **Philips Brooks youngsters** this week in spite of significant rain that delayed their arrival. Showers are also in the forecast for the next planned visit and contingency plans have been made in case weather interferes.

Jay closed the meeting with a moment of silence and our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Perry, Clerk