

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

20 September 2018

Present: Jay MacLeod, Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Morris Edwards, Lisa Kelly, Lin Potter, Peter Ruth, Barbara Smith, Greg Vogt, Alice Perry.

Absent: Mark Kellett.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer on the eve of St. Matthew appropriate to the occasion.

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

Epiphany Intentional Community (Epic): Jay noted that James Dunford is in residence, and happy, in Newport in a “transformed place” thanks to the efforts of many volunteers for which Jay is grateful. James has started work at Hannaford’s in New London, having requested Saturday evenings and Sundays free to participate in liturgical ministry at Epiphany and St. Andrew’s. Jemima Ajayi will not be coming after her visa application was rejected but Jay knows of someone else who may be available. Additionally, Omar Jackson with assistance from Annie Kuster’s office expects to learn in the next few days why his tourist visa application was rejected and will consider the possibility of a business visa if appropriate.

Financial report: Peter distributed the liquidity report and ledger to budget for August, noting a possible small shortfall by year’s end.

Stewardship: Morris handed out a timeline for the 2019 stewardship campaign and asked for feedback on a possible celebratory dinner on Nov. 30, coinciding with St. Andrew’s Day. Motion made and seconded with unanimous ***approval to hold a Scottish-themed pot-luck dinner on Nov. 30 and to hold the annual St. Nicholas Bazaar on Dec. 8.*** It was also decided to have noon-time worship in honor of St. Andrew separate from the evening activity. Motion made and seconded with unanimous ***approval to set a target of \$375,000 for the campaign, possibly subject to revision pending accurate determination of the number of pledgers expected to be involved.*** Final photos were selected for the brochure that will be part of the stewardship mailing in early October.

2019 budget prep: Motion made and seconded with unanimous ***approval to recommend that the Outreach Commission guarantee that KREM, El Hogar and Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis be among last Sunday recipients in 2019.*** If the commission agrees, separate Outreach line items for those organizations would not be included in the central 2019 budget.

Foyer Groups: Jay noted that people have been asking to resume the “foyer” groups which in the past assigned small groups to dine together in one another’s homes throughout the year. With the intent to add a spiritual component to these predominantly social affairs, Jay has asked that we look closely at the “Five Marks of Love” program which can be found, along with others, at <https://www.ssje.org/monasticwisdom/#everyday>. *We will continue this discussion at our October meeting,* keeping in mind the need to find someone willing to organize the

groups, as well as considering how to include people interested in the spiritual component but not in the foyer groups.

Vestry bio reminders: Alice reminded Greg and Harvey of their offer to submit bios for the November-December issue of the Network by October 20; and reminded Joe, Morris and Lin that their bios, and Alice's, remain due for subsequent issues.

In other business Lin will check with Noni to see if there are plates, pots and pans for James at EpIC or if a request needs to be put out to the congregation.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Perry, Clerk

Note: The next vestry meeting will be at 5 PM on 18 October.