

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

18 October 2018

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

Absent: Joe Daly, Lin Potter.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Staffing: Leslie Smith and Jim Ransom will be taking Sunday services and Thursday Eucharists while Jay is away on **Pilgrimage to Israel** 11 and 18 November.

After discussion and concern about the impact of making public Jay's March-May 2019 **sabbatical** during the stewardship campaign, it was decided that he would use the announcement slot at 21 October services to inform the congregation. We had intended to have all staffing arrangements settled before announcing but due to a shortage of available clergy these arrangements are still in progress.

Jay noted that James Dunford is in residence in a transformed residence in Newport, and working out well and working hard. Jay remains optimistic that Omar Jackson's pursuit of a B-1 business visa application will be successful by following legal advice to submit supporting documentation. This will help make James's solitary existence at **Epiphany Intentional Community (Epic)** more one of community; meanwhile parishioners have been generous in supporting James.

Financial report: Peter distributed the liquidity report and ledger to budget for September. He also addressed a rough draft budget worksheet for 2019 that had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Questions remain as to how much carryover there might be at the end of 2018. Because the Outreach Commission is not prepared to guarantee to include key outreach recipients for 2019's Last Sunday offerings the budget includes a "Core Outreach" figure whose actual distribution will reflect whether or not KREM, El Hogar and Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis are among Last Sunday recipients.

In light of El Hogar receiving a Last Sunday distribution in 2018, motion made, seconded and unanimously **approved to use \$2500 of the \$5000 budgeted as El Hogar Outreach in 2018 as support of the February 2019 service-team trip and to additionally offer participating youth (including James Dunford) funding as needed from the remaining \$2500.** Greg noted that 9 to 11 people are interested or committed, with a need to reserve flights next week.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey is considering obtaining additional bids for snow removal and is also working on next year's lawn mowing. He will also seek estimates for air conditioning the parish hall as well as asking a contractor to look at the windows in the parish hall with an eye to replacing those currently there with ones to better keep in heat in the winter and heat out in

the summer. Peter noted that the rough draft budget includes \$10,000 in the capital fund for eventual replacement of the boiler and \$17,000 for “building work” including these aforementioned items. Vestry approval of the 2019 budget will be sought at the December meeting.

Stewardship: Morris reported that Harvey and the Yenawines are scheduled to offer “ministry moments” at Sunday services 21 October. Further that thank-you letters will be going out as pledges are received. A reminder letter or perhaps a phone call will go to those who haven’t responded in advance of In-gathering of pledges on 25 November. The 30 November celebratory dinner will feature Scottish-themed entertainment including singing by Folk Fusion.

Bruce reported receipt of 31 pledges to date totaling \$82,300 of the \$390,000 goal. Bruce will prepare visuals each week throughout the campaign.

Foyer Groups: Marni reported that she together with Janie Webster and Peter met today and assigned the 72 who signed up into nine groups of eight. One person in each group has been assigned “leadership” duties and all groups are encouraged to have a first meeting before any depart for the Israel trip.

LEM/LEV applications: The vestry approved renewals for Mark and Christine Kellett and an initial license of James Dunford. Jay and Alice signed the three forms which will be returned to Anne Hall for processing.

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 13 December. NOTE this is the SECOND Thursday of the month, not the usual third Thursday.