

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

16 May 2019

Present: Bruce Avery, Harvey Best, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Morris Edwards, Lin Potter, Russ Register, Barbara Smith, Greg Vogt, Alice Perry. Guest: James Dunford

Absent: Jay MacLeod, Becky Forbes, Lisa Kelly.

Bruce opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey reported turning on water at Gould Road and Old St. Andrew's.

Harvey also reported that the **Green Committee** is pursuing suggestions about lighting in the parish hall and sanctuary.

Joe reported that a deposit has been made on the **new kitchen range** and full payment made for the **fire suppression system**. He anticipates the new stove to be installed in early June with a need to clean the surrounding area after the old stove has been removed but before installation of the new one.

Mission Action Plan (MAP): Russ once again distributed a revised MAP based on feedback he received at the previous meeting; additional modifications of progress, date to accomplish and/or team members were suggested for several items.

Rule of Life: James Dunford has offered to lead an introductory session on what a rule of life is and offer some examples of personal guides to intentional living. His goal would be to have small groups continuing to work over time to craft their own statements, motivated by the values each holds.

Because the high school youth group began examining rules of life in their Lenten program and will expect to wrap up their study at their final meeting of the year on 9 June, James has suggested that day as an appropriate one to get the youth and the wider congregation together following the 10 AM service. Epiphany will also be invited to join us in this activity that complements the Bishop's theme of "Renewing the Faithful." Should the June date not work, or if a second introductory session is called for, we can expect James would lead that in the fall.

Suggestion box: Barbara reviewed the two items recently received, one of which the wardens are addressing and the other can be referred to a MAP team.

She lamented that when a submitted note is anonymous there is no possibility of advising the writer of progress and/or learning helpful details that prompted the suggestion. The vestry also wants to stress the "communication" aspect of the box, that is, that compliments and questions as well as bona fide suggestions are welcome.

Marni 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 20 June.