

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

20 June 2019

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

Absent: Russ Register.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer celebrating St. Alban, the first martyr in Britain.

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

Financial Report: Becky noted that the 2020 budget needs to be put together within the next 60 to 90 days and asked us to think about needs, hopes and expectations and get them on the table to be included at the outset.

In looking at the **Balance Sheet**, Becky noted that the March-approved transfer of \$30,000 from the checking account to the Capitol One capital reserve account has been completed and that monthly expenditures and monthly income are about equal, with funds remaining in the checking account equal to about 2.5 times expected expenses. Noting that the entire recent bequest known as the Nancy J. Draper Music Fund is expendable, it was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to invest that fund and use only the quarterly income for annual expenditure.**

Becky also took us through a close look at the **Ledger to Budget** sheets, noting that we are working closely to budget. Jay thanked Becky for the thorough report noting it is a template for a future Treasurer to follow.

Buildings and Grounds: Harvey thanked **Joe Daly and Chris Heyl** for their outstanding work behind the scene that involved coordination with numerous contractors in getting the new kitchen range installed.

A steady drone above our heads was due to two **new LED light fixtures** that have (unexpected) built-in fans. While drawing only 60W of power each, Harvey is seeking replacements without fans before installing additional fixtures as the noise is unacceptable.

The concrete steps and patio on the Gould Road side of the church that was resurfaced nine years ago is crumbling and Harvey is considering next steps. Also showing signs of age is the bell tower at Old St. Andrew's (OSA) on King Hill Road. It was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to authorize Harvey and Bruce to retain the services of a qualified professional to assess the whole OSA building to include safety issues plus other recommendations for the future life of the building (preferably with costings and dates to complete).**

Harvey also reported that the **Green Committee** has received a final energy audit report that addresses lighting and heating with a series of recommendations and options. It was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to create a task force (Lisa, Harvey, Ed Hoyt, Woody**

Canaday, plus Greg, Marni and Bruce) to study the report in detail and return at the 18 July 2019 with analysis and recommendations. With a 1 August date to apply for Diocesan funds it was further moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to empower the task force to submit a bid for a Diocesan grant.**

Joe reported that the **new kitchen range and fire suppression system have been installed.** The left oven needs a new thermocouple to replace one damaged in transit. Because the knobs on the stove lack indication about turning on, Joe is making labels. He will keep a “do not use” sign on the stove until a Garland representative provides training for use.

Suggestion box: Barbara reported no new items since the last meeting but Morris received a suggestion by email about seating in the church. Individual seat cushions are available on the back pews for those interested in a softer seat.

“Big Picture”: Jay is concerned about drawing younger generations into the church, noting that people retiring here in the future are less likely to attend than our present situation and asked that we act now with vision and commitment to enhance younger family attendance and our Sunday school attendance. Jay is hopeful that a task force to include Lisa, Linda, Marni, and possibly Aaron Jenkyn with others in their 20s can use creative thinking to develop a vision and have something in place for September.

Other Business:

- Harvey read aloud a thank-you note received from The Haven, a recent “Last Sunday” recipient.
- Greg reminded us of the El Hogar slide show to be presented by Becky Rylander and him after the 10 AM service this Sunday, 23 June. El Hogar is the “Last Sunday” recipient on 30 June.

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 July.