

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

18 July 2019

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

Absent: Becky Forbes, Russ Register.

Guests: Nancy Rollins, Ed Hoyt, Woody Canaday

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Buildings and Grounds: Ed Hoyt, for the **Green Committee Task Force**, outlined recommended Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMs) together with cost estimates, cost savings, and CO₂ reduction figures to be undertaken in 2019. He also described mechanical and electrical upgrades designed to reduce energy consumption and enhance comfort throughout the church building. Together, these measures may cost up to \$25,000. It was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to authorize Greg Vogt to submit an application to the Diocese for a sustainability grant not to exceed \$25,000** for these initial steps. Not included in that initial amount, awaiting further study and creative thinking, are window treatments in the parish hall and sanctuary, and other possible steps in the parish hall to make that space more comfortable year-round.

Ed also provided information about boiler replacement options that will need to be considered in the near future given the age of the current oil system. Woody spoke about solar options also under consideration which will be studied further once the EEMs are completed and we have a better sense of our electricity usage. The nature of our current electric bill reflecting a significantly large “demand” charge received much discussion.

Greg noted that recommendations undertaken in the future could be eligible for Diocesan Advance Loan funding.

Harvey reported that the **annual summer fair** had been a financial success with items still for sale in the basement. Morris expressed concern about the lower attendance at this year’s fair. We can’t be complacent in spite of the satisfactory income and will look at work distribution, advertising and innovation as we approach next year’s fair.

Joe reported that the New London Fire Department, after conducting a heat test, determined that the cabinet to the left of the **new kitchen range** needed to be removed as a fire hazard. Once the fire department returns and gives the OK, Joe will post pictures to guide those operating the stove.

Financial Report: Jay reminded us that \$4,000 had been budgeted as **core outreach** for Epiphany/Newport and asked that the full amount be given promptly to ease cash-flow

concerns there. He also requested \$750 for the Episcopal chaplaincy at DHMC and \$750 for the 2019-20 Youth on Main program-year. It was moved, seconded and **voted unanimously to authorize these three core outreach expenditures.**

Stewardship planning: Bruce announced that Morris and Jeanne Edwards have agreed to serve again as Stewardship chairs for 2019-20.

Drawing younger generations: Jay noted that Aaron Jenkyn has begun a rigorous analysis with the aim of developing a strategy that will draw younger families to St. Andrew's. Preliminary suggestions are expected ahead of the start of Sunday school in September with a fuller outline due to the vestry by 1 November.

Other Business:

Jay asked Barbara to share anonymously an anecdote about a conversation she had with a parishioner after receiving a note in the **suggestion box**, demonstrating the valuable pastoral follow-up that a note can engender.

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 22 August.