

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

19 August 2021

Present: Jay MacLeod, Joe Daly, Morris Edwards, Lin Potter, Mike Quinn, Russ Register, Nonie Reynders, Barbara Smith, Karen Zurheide, Alice Perry.

Absent: Marni Eaton, Chris Heyl, Lisa Kelly

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Welcome: Jay welcomed Karen Zurheide to the vestry and thanked her for filling out the rest of Greg Vogt's term.

Finance: Mike reported that we have a surplus of \$11,000 through 31 July versus a planned deficit of \$8,000. Detailed reports were distributed at the meeting and also emailed.

Mike also spoke of the work of the finance committee for planned giving. Before the September vestry meeting we will receive draft policies for the on-going program. *Vestry members are asked to take adequate time to review the policies and if possible to submit questions to Mike prior to the 23 September meeting.* The policies will be reviewed a second time at our 21 October meeting.

At Jay's suggestion, it was **moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve gifts of \$300 to Emmy Potter and Erin Wheeler** as they head off to college, payable out of the budgeted youth enrichment line item.

Jay continues to seek individuals to chair the 2022 Stewardship Campaign and asked for our help to identify candidates as soon as possible. His hope is to launch the campaign by the end of September.

It was **moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Core Outreach disbursements:** \$6,000 to KREM, \$500 each to Camps Wilmot, Coniston and Barbara C. Harris, and \$933.20 for Epiphany Newport, to be combined with a fund balance for Upbeat Newport to total \$2500.

Alice described the Diocesan Capital Campaign now in a discernment phase for which she was recently named parish coordinator. Two questions that arose are whether the diocese wants feedback or just publicity, and what are their dollar goals for each of five funds.

Worship: Jay noted that we will continue with 8 AM indoor worship and 10 AM outdoor, weather permitting. We agreed to require masks for indoor worship during this time of increased infection. Jay will continue with outdoor worship as far into the season as is practical. Once inside routinely for 10 AM, the live-streaming that now occurs at 8 AM will be moved to the second service, reducing somewhat the amount of music at 8 AM. With Asher soon unavailable for filming, Jay has engaged Annie Chambers to fill that role.

New Music Director Will Ogmundson will begin with us 1 October. Jay described him as very committed and expects him to be at church practicing regularly.

Social considerations: Joe spoke about the planned Harvest Fair on 18 September, noting that Harvey has been asked to have two tents so that all activities can be outdoors.

Although at our last meeting we had approved resuming Wednesday evening cook-outs and outdoor-only coffee hours following Sunday services, given the rise of infection we agreed that Jay's decision to hold-off announcing those events was appropriate.

Jay closed the meeting with our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Perry, Clerk

Note: The next vestry meeting will be at 5 PM on 23 September -- In-person in the parish hall!