

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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

20 January 2022

Present (on Zoom): Jay MacLeod, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Chris Heyl, Morris Edwards, Lisa Kelly, Lin Potter, Mike Quinn, Russ Register, Nonie Reynders, Barbara Smith, Karen Zurheide, Alice Perry.

Jay opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

**Worship:** Jay spoke of high COVID numbers in the catchment area and that while we continue with the pattern of indoor worship with congregants masked and physically distanced in ventilated space, there are about 100 people attending online worship weekly. We will soon resume offering drive-through Communion from 11:15 to 11:45 AM each Sunday for those not attending in-person worship.

The usual cycle of services continues with Candlemas on 30 January and on into pre-Lent and Lent. In addition to our traditional noon-time Eucharist and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, Jay learned it is possible that Our Lady of Fatima will offer an ecumenical evening observance. During Lent we will use a different setting for the Eucharist to give it a different feel.

He also noted there is good attendance at the midday prayer and healing services and that Monday meditation will resume on 24 January.

**Finance:** The **monthly treasurer's report** was sent out prior to the meeting. In that email, Mike noted we out-performed budget with both increased revenues and lower expenses, resulting in a surplus of about \$55,000.

A revised **2022 budget** was also sent out prior to the meeting with some necessary adjustments. In response to a question about how the diocesan fair share is calculated, both Mike and Jay stressed the importance of ensuring that operating income is kept separate from items such as the legacy fund and outreach income when we compile the parish report annually.

It was **moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the revised 2022 budget as presented.** An opportunity to review the budget and raise questions before Annual Meeting will be offered via Zoom at 5 PM on Tuesday, 25 February. We will ask those gathered at Annual Meeting to accept the budget as approved by the vestry.

**Annual Meeting:** Jay presented the agenda for Annual Meeting including a revised slate of candidates. Marni presented the slate as follows:

Vestry for three years – Russ Register, Claire Pace and Billy Kelly  
Vestry for 1 year – Chuck Thompson

Warden for two years -- Karen Zurheide  
Western Convocation delegates for three years – JoAnn Hicks and Barbara Smith  
Western Convocation alternate for two years -- Alice Perry

Jay also showed a PowerPoint slide show of the year 2021 in review that will be part of the annual meeting on Zoom on 30 January at 4 PM. He asked that the vestry, during the planned question and answer portion, jump in to answer any questions rather than leaving that to the rector alone.

**Christian Formation:** Kathleen Rusnak will offer lectures on three Sundays beginning 13 February. Jay and Art Rosen will offer an interfaith session on Genesis after Easter through All. And after wrestling with the pros and cons of traveling to Israel with COVID still much on everyone's minds, the pilgrimage slated for February school vacation has been postponed. New dates are 30 December 2022 through 8 January 2023.

**Vestry meeting dates:** Regular meetings are to take place on the third Thursday each month following a vestry exec meeting on the second Tuesday. For months that begin on a Wednesday or Thursday, this necessitates adjusting the meeting schedule. We plan to meet as follows:

17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 23 June (fourth Thursday), 21 July, 18 August, 22 September (fourth Thursday), 20 October, 17 November, 15 December (move vestry exec to 6 December) and 19 January 2023.

**Any other business:** Jay responded to a question about Braver Angels, noting that our six leaders have been authorized and have attended orientation. They will decide when to hold a launch event for the parish and later how and when to offer the program to the wider community.

Morris offered his compliments to Will Ogmundson and Nicole Densmore for their recent postludes following the 10 AM service that have been "keeping people in their seats." Jay asked the clerk to write a note of thanks to Will and Nicole.

We also thanked outgoing vestry members Lisa and Barbara and outgoing warden Marni for their service.

Jay closed the meeting with a moment of silence and our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Perry, Clerk

**Note: The next vestry meeting date will be on Zoom, 17 February.**

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