

St. Andrew's Vestry Minutes January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden, Martha Lovejoy. Those present were Rev. Reed Loy, Paul Carey, Junior Warden, Bert Cooper, Treasurer, Chris Miller, Rob Thomson, Larry Rice, Clarke Kidder, Pete Mitchell, Judy McPhail and Pam Manus, Clerk. Pat Walker and Vickie Haines were unable to attend.

The opening prayers and reflections were offered by Rev. Reed Loy.

Annual Meeting Update: Paul Carey will chair the meeting. The Annual Report is almost complete, and will be sent to Vestry electronically for a vote as directed by our By-Laws. The report will then be sent to the congregation again electronically, so they can review the report one week prior to the Annual Meeting. The overall contents of the meeting remain the same and there will be a Rector's Report. Reed would like to be able to speak briefly reflecting on his months with St. Andrew's. He is planning on being present for the service and meeting, although on Paternity Leave. A Pot Luck Brunch is planned, with the alphabet divided into three parts, one for Quiches, one for salads and one for desserts. This will be announced at services this Sunday and will be in the Blast this week and next. To celebrate the ministries of our church there will be phrases from ministry reports capturing the essence of their work displayed around the Great Hall. Anne McCausland has offered to create their presentation. Banners made by Binney Wells a number of years ago will be hung around the Great Hall.

Lenten Reflections: Tina Pickering will lead us in our Lenten Reflections. She will be using "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". This offering invites participants on a journey into deeper intimacy with God by praying with the words of **John** the Evangelist (The Gospel According to **John** and First Letter of **John**). These two texts describe how God, out of deep love, sends God's only Son Jesus into the world., to take on human form and live among us. The series, in partnership with Holy Cross and St. Johns, will begin on Wednesday, February 7th (a week before Ash Wednesday) and continuing on Wednesday for 7 weeks from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Tina will have more information during the next two weeks.

Stewardship: Rob reported that to date we have reached 98.3% of our goal. Pledges total \$174,872.00. The Stewardship Campaign, led by Ted Diers, has been a true success, with 18 new congregants pledging.

Vestry Retreat: Reed opened discussion about the date and time frame for the Vestry Retreat, the month of April seemed the best option. After discussion it was decided that an overnight retreat would be more beneficial, giving us time to reflect quietly, letting the demands of everyday fade while also providing time to learn about each other, pray and share. Reed will look into sites for an overnight retreat (Friday evening through Saturday evening)

Paternity Leave Review: Reed requested coverage for two needs. First request is for someone to open and close the church on January 28th, February 4th, and February 11th.

- Pam Manus will cover January 28th
- Clarke Kidder will cover February 4th
- Paul Carey will cover February 11th.

The second request is for someone to check for phone messages at the church during Reed's Paternity leave and Lisa White's 2 week leave.

- Pam Manus will do that.

Nursery Report: The Nursery opened this past Sunday to rave reviews. Vickie sent a huge thank you to all who have helped to make this ministry come alive. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Great Hall.

Senior Warden's Report: Martha reported that the Nominating Committee is ready to present the slate for the 3 Vestry seats to be filled. Chris Miller, who has been on the Vestry for 8 years (two years filling a vacant seat and elected x2) has decided to retire from this service as of Annual Meeting, so there is also a 1 year seat open. The committee is waiting for one response for Delegate to Convention, so will complete that by the end of this week.

The Vestry Slate:

Anne McCausland- 3 years

Peter Daley- 3 years

Tom Burack - 3 years

Judith Marklin - 1 year

The Vestry accepted the slate as presented and will be informed electronically about the Delegates to Convention.

Martha shared her open and thoughtful response to Anne and John McCausland's December letter to the Vestry, thanking them for their concerns and their continued contributions and support of all here at St. Andrew's.

Finance Committee: The committee continues to work on ways to make the finances of St. Andrew's transparent. There are many funds, each with a different use or direction. Some overlap, some are directed and some are for general purpose. There are some that interest is reinvested and some where the interest is dispersed. It is a confusing picture at present and the goal of this committee is transparency first, and cleaning up and clearing up the picture of our finances. With that in mind they are going to be working on an easy to understand chart for the present to help everyone get a better sense of our finances, the income, the expenses and where it all goes.

Treasurer's Report: Bert presented his report giving each Vestry member 3 packets and 1 handout. The packets consisted of The Custom Summary and Proposed Budget for 2018, The Profit and Loss Comparison Report, and The Trustees of the Protestant

Episcopal Church-NH Hopkinton: St. Andrew's Church. The handout was the Profit and Loss Budget Overview for 2018.

An hour was given so that each packet could be thoroughly discussed, and cross referenced. Bert and the Finance Committee members answered all questions, giving reasons for many entries and accepting changes in supporting the budget needs. After much discussion Bert Cooper moved that:

The Vestry accept the proposed Budget for 2018 with the noted changes in income draw (increase the draw of \$7,000 from the St. Andrew's Rectory Fund to \$15,500.00 and decrease the draw of \$26,800 from the Lucia P. Ewing fund to \$18,300) . This was seconded by Pete Mitchell. There being no further discussion the proposed budget was passed unanimously.

Governor Winant photo: Clarke Kidder has been in touch with all involved in the transfer of this autographed photograph of Governor John Gilbert Winant . It will be given to the NH Historical with the appropriate paperwork. The NH Historical Society should be able to give us paperwork acknowledging the receipt of this photo. Binney Wells has made copies of this photo for St. Andrew's.

Upcoming Special Celebrations/Events:

- Sunday, January 21, 9-9:45 AM - All -Parish Budget Sharing Conversation
- Sunday, January 28th, following 9 AM Worship, Annual Meeting, followed by Pot Luck Brunch.
- Shrove Tuesday Supper, February 13th. (Need organizers)
- Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Services at 7:15 AM and 7:15 PM

New Business:

Jim Whinn has offered to oversee and co-count money/checks and do the cutting of checks during Lisa White's vacation (January 17th - February 2nd). The need for someone to continue the daily oversight of bills, needs and purchases plus salary checks was discussed. Martha Lovejoy moved that Jim Whinn be authorized to oversee and co-count money/checks and the cutting of checks during the period from January 17, 2018 - February 2, 2018. This was seconded by Larry Rice. There being no further discussion, this passed unanimously.

The next two Vestry meetings will be February 21st and March 21st from 7PM-9PM. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Reed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Pam Manus, Clerk