

## **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting**

January 25, 2017, 7:00p.m.

Farmer Hall

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Senior Warden Gary Naegel, Junior Warden Gary Cimmino, the Rev. Shariya Molegoda, Anastasia King, Ray Hencir, Rebecca Rastetter, Matt Valentine, Nancy Karas, John Armstrong, Mark Auletta, Colleen McHugh

**Vestry Members-Elect in Attendance:** Laura Downes, Mark Tardie, Jane Kraus, Maeve Merkle-Scotland

**Absent:** Art Criddle, Sarah Auletta, Clerk Louise Beecher

**Opening Prayer:** Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, prayed by Shariya

**Dwelling in the Word:** Matthew 10:16-22, discussed as a group

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ray reported that pledge income is now running 11% under budget. At this time we are relying on the endowment at 6%. The current \$20,780.00 deficit will be moved from the preschool operations.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Mark Auletta that was seconded by Nancy.

The importance of timely quarterly statements was mentioned. Matt suggested that with each statement, a description of how funds are being used should also be included. This would allow for more transparency and provide the parish with a connection of what is going on in our community.

Ray also presented the slate of endowment committee: Rob Butler, chair, Bill Downes, Priscilla Rensis, Terry Abbott, Marty Gerst, and Colleen McHugh, treasurer-elect. Rolling off the committee will be Ray Hencir, Pete Moore, and Cathy Golden, treasurer.

The slate was accepted on a motion by Anastasia that was seconded by Gary Cimmino.

#### **Budget**

In Cathy Golden's absence, Shariya led a discussion regarding the proposed parish and preschool budgets. Mention was made of rector/staff raises (in favor and against) among other items. Colleen,

treasurer-elect, did not feel comfortable voting on the budgets as proposed. Colleen, Ray, Cathy, Shariya, and Gary Naegel will meet and an e-mail vote of the Vestry will be solicited in preparation for the annual meeting on February 4, 2018. Regardless, it is certain that a deficit budget for the parish will be presented.

### **Rector's Report**

Shariya provided pastoral updates on several individual parishoners. She also reported that the recent visit from Bishop Ian went well (the other Vestry members concurred). She listed several important calendar dates: January 29 (Safe Church training), February 4 (only one service at 10:00a.m followed by the annual meeting followed by a pot-luck lunch which is being organized by Sarah Valentine), February 14 (Ash Wednesday—ashes to go at the Madison train station from 5:30-9:00a.m. and 2 services at the church: noon and 7:00p.m.), March 17 (Spaghetti Supper)

Gary Naegel asked about serving alcoholic beverages at the Spaghetti Supper. The request was accepted on a motion by Mark Auletta that was seconded by Ray.

### **Human Resources Subcommittee Report**

The new bookkeeper has been hired. Her name is Jane Marin and she works every Saturday (she is sharing space in Shelby Auletta's office). She will be working on accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. Weekly depositing of funds will be a benefit. Software is changing from Quickbooks to Power Church. The role of Barb Gibbons, parish administrator, is being redefined. She will continue to collect tuition payments for the preschool.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Rebecca reported that the slate for Vestry officers and at-large members as well as convention delegates has been compiled and posted for parish review: Senior Warden Gary Naegel, Junior Warden Gary Cimmino, Clerk Louise Beecher, Treasurer Colleen McHugh, and at large members of Laura Downes, Jane Kraus, Mark Tardie, and Maeve Merkle-Scotland along with Heather Meachen and Deb Ferrigno as convention delegates. She noted that the committee was unable to fill the 2 alternate convention delegate positions. John volunteered that he could be an alternate as he likes to attend Convention anyway.

### **Stewardship Committee Report**

John reported the following: 63 estimates of giving have been submitted for \$165, 600.00, 13 faith-based estimates of giving have been submitted (guesstimated at \$13, 100.00 based on previous year for budget purposes), and 13 families who were regular givers last year but did not submit an estimate of giving (guesstimated at \$6,800.00 based on previous year for budget purposes) for a total of 89 families, \$185,500.00

**Closing Prayer:** from the Office of Evening Prayer, prayed by Shariya

**Minutes prepared by Rebecca Rastetter**