

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m.  
Farmer Hall

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Steve Domienik, Kristen Garnett, Laura Downes, Lucinda Embersits, Cathy Golden, Michael Greene, Alan Miller, Margaret Mason, John Armstrong, Kim Hodgson, Amanda Hayward

**Absent:** Sue McCann, Joe Milner.

**Guests:** Martha Hoffman

1. **Opening Prayer** (Steve)
2. **Approval of January Minutes** (John)

**MOTION: A motion was made (Lucinda/Kim) to accept the minutes as revised to reflect the correct recipient of funds raised by the Souper Bowl. The motion was approved.**

3. **Treasurer's Report** (Cathy)

We reviewed the January reports. January income was approximately \$6,000 below budget and expenses were \$1,000 over budget.

**MOTION: A motion was made (Michael/Alan) to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.**

4. **Team Uganda** (Martha Hoffman)

Martha Hoffman gave a presentation about Uganda, the orphans we are supporting there and the history of our relationship with Uganda and the Chain Foundation. It was pointed out that our support of the orphans is completely separate from any relationship with the Chain Foundation. After considerable discussions, three issues were identified:

- 1) The \$750 needed to cover a tuition payment in April for three of the children
- 2) Ongoing, long-term support for the four children
- 3) Our relationship with and ongoing support of the Chain Foundation.

**MOTION: A motion was made to authorize the vestry to make a tuition payment of \$810 (\$250 x 3 children + \$60 wiring fee) out of the Outreach Fund. The motion was approved.**

5. It was also noted that Laura Downes has stepped forward to lead an effort to revitalize our outreach effort and hold community conversations to engender interest and support among parishioners. John Armstrong will also be assisting Laura.

6. **Annual Meeting (Steve)**

Steve reviewed the suggestions/responses received from parishioners at the annual meeting. The vestry agreed to continue to listen to parish members about their needs and concerns and to keep asking for ideas and comments. The topic will be addressed again at the parish meeting scheduled for May.

7. **Sherman Bequest (Steve)**

An additional bequest of approximately \$700,000 has been received from the estate of Ann Sherman. The vestry had an extended discussion of how these funds should be used.

**MOTION: The following motion was made (Laura/Lucinda) and approved: From the second installment of the Ann Sherman bequest, place \$385,000 in cash and additional marketable securities into the endowment fund, and the remaining \$15,000 in cash into the Outread Fund to be overseen by the Vestry until such time as the Vestry approves the new Outreach Committee's plan and process for making disbursement from the fund. The motion was approved.**

8. **Revitalizing Standing Committees (Kristen)**

The vestry felt that the focus should be on the Welcoming, Outreach, Hospitality and Stewardship committees. The vestry is looking for parish members to fill out these committees. Further discussion will be held during the March 9 vestry retreat.

9. **Spaghetti Supper/Auction (Kristen)**

The Spaghetti Supper/Auction will be held on Saturday, March 22. Vestry members are asked to bring a bottle of wine to the Parish Office or the March vestry meeting for the annual Vestry Wine Basket to be auctioned off at the dinner. Tickets this year are priced at \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door to encourage advance sales to help with logistics and planning.

10. **Old/New Business (Steve)**

Treasurer Cathy Golden stated that the parish audit came back and looks fine. The audit letter will be distributed and discussed at the next vestry meeting.

Michael Greene asked to establish and participate in a parish member led committee to review the welcoming statement for potential future parish approval. Parish members are being sought to help guide this committee.

11. **Closing Prayer (Steve)**

12. **Adjournment (Steve)**

**MOTION: A motion was made (Michael/Laura) to adjourn. The motion was approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Armstrong and Michael Greene  
Vestry Members