

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

March 20, 2018, 7:00p.m.

Farmer Hall

Vestry Members in Attendance: Junior Warden Gary Cimmino, the Rev. Shariya Molegoda, Anastasia King, Ray Hencir, Nancy Karas, John Armstrong, Mark Auletta, Colleen McHugh, Matt Valentine, Mark Tardie, Louise Beecher

Absent: Senior Warden Gary Naegel, Laura Downes, Jane Kraus, Maeve Merkle-Scotland

Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the Word: Luke 19:1-10

Minutes

Ray Hencir moved to accept the minutes of the February 2018 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Gary Cimmino and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Colleen McHugh reported that all the church's bookkeeping accounts except those for the pre-school had been moved into PowerChurch. She also reported that the church currently ran a \$1,600 pledge shortfall.

After a brief discussion, McHugh moved that the church cancel its accounts with Home Depot and Staples and use the Guilford Savings Bank debit card instead. The motion was seconded by Mark Tardie and passed unanimously. Anastasia King then moved that McHugh investigate obtaining a credit card in the name of the church. The motion was seconded by Ray Hencir and passed.

Spaghetti Supper

It was decided to delay the post-mortem discussion of the March 17 spaghetti dinner and fund-raising auction until the next meeting, when Vestry Warden Gary Naegel would be present.

Vestry Retreat

It was decided that the vestry's annual retreat would be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 28 at the church and include a walk of the church grounds.

Septic

The Rev. Shariya Molegoda reported that the church continues to have issues with its septic system and that fluid is leaking from the leaching fields onto the lawn in front of the church. She said that she has met with a representative of Kytte Sanitation who told her that the leaching field was breaking down. The is apparently happening because although the field was built to accommodate the needs of a large family, it is now being forced to deal with the equivalent of 150 flushes a day due to the growth of the church school.

Fallen Tree-Pepin

The Rev. Shariya Molegoda reported that one of the recent Northeaster storms that had battered the area had left a tree growing on St. Andrew's property overhanging the fence that divided the church's property from that of neighbor Jacques Pepin and that Pepin – who owns the fence - asked that the tree be removed. The vestry agreed that the matter should be resolved as soon as possible and that a tree professional be employed to assess and correct that problem.

Communication

John Armstrong reported that notices had appeared in The Source to inform the public about the church's Holy Week services.

He said he was working on getting the church included in the Amazon Smiles program that allow people making purchases to donate 0.5% of the purchase price to a selected charitable organization. Armstrong also said that St. Andrew's should provide a link on its website that would allow parishioners to make donations to the church through PayPal. Mark Auletta said he would work on getting the church's website updated.

Armstrong also recommended that the church revive its healing prayer team. Until recently, the team was available to parishioners at the back of the church at the 9:30 service.

Buildings and Grounds

Junior Warden and Buildings and Grounds Chairman Gary Cimmino and Ray Hencir said they had met to discuss the possibility of installing security cameras and automatic locks at the church pre-school.

Green Up/Clean Up

Matt Valentine noted that the town's annual Green Up/Clean Up day will be on April 21 this year and asked if the church could provide volunteers. He noted that last year volunteers from St. Andrew's helped clean the shores of Tuxis Pond.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. on a motion by Mark Auletta that was seconded by Matt Valentine.