

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Farmer Hall

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

Guests: Art and Linda Criddle, Mark Auletta

1. **Opening Prayer** (Steve)
2. **Approval of Feb and March Minutes** (Sue)

MOTION: A motion was made (John/Alan) to accept the minutes as revised. The motion was approved.

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

We reviewed the March reports. All proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper (approx. \$13,630) will be added to the March Income. Transfers from the Preschool to cover their portion of the operating expenses were \$3800 for 1Q. The current deficit is \$4310.

MOTION: A motion was made (Kim/Sue) to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

4. **Parochial Report** (Steve)

MOTION: A motion was made (Cathy/Lucinda) to approve the Parochial Report. The motion was approved.

5. **Proposed 2014 Budget** (Sue and Cathy)

The proposed 2014 budget was reviewed. A budget narrative will be available at the May 18th parish meeting. The narrative will discuss the expenses and suggest potential next steps. Fr. Steve will forward the narrative via email.

MOTION: A motion was made (Cathy/Lucinda) to accept the proposed budget. The motion was approved.

6. **Committee Updates**

- a. **Finance:** The finance committee recommends keeping the diocesan pledge at 11.5%, to make no further cuts to the budget and to request for up to \$70,000 in withdrawals from the endowment fund.

MOTION: A motion was made (Laura/John) that a request is made at the May 18th meeting that the treasurer can withdraw up to \$70,000 from the endowment fund during 2014. Funds to be utilized to supplement operations

on a monthly basis only as needed. After further discussion the motion was approved.

- b. **Building/Grounds:** The committee has contracted for the rear parking lot to be repaired. Estimated cost is \$8700 and these funds will come out of the Facilities/Maintenance Fund. The work will be done in early July.
- c. **Nominating:** The committee recommends that Art Criddle and Mark Auletta be elected to the two open vestry positions at the May 18th meeting.
- d. **Outreach:** The committee reported on the following activities:
 - i. **April 12** – Build Day for Habitat-for-Humanity in New Haven (33 Greenway Ave)
 - ii. **K. Schwatz** made \$170-190 for the Uganda orphans during the Easter portraits. 8 families participated
 - iii. **May 10** – Build on the Green
 - iv. **May 18** – Food Drive organized by the Confirmation Class with support from Susan Miller
 - v. **May** – Diaper Drive by Kristen Lang
- e. **Hospitality:** Lisa and Dan Tenney have agreed to coordinate the supplies for coffee hour, however someone is still needed to make coffee (8:30-8:45) and to clean up.
- f. **Welcoming:** The committee is still looking for a chair. Deb Ferrigno and Chris Abbott are organizing a dinner on June 8th for new members.
- g. **Stewardship:** Needs to be revitalized.

Steve asked that during this time that every Vestry Member serve on a committee and if there is not a chair, to serve as the Interim Chair.

7. Planning for the May 18th Parish Meeting (Kristen)

The meeting will be held between services 9:30-10:20 and refreshments will be available. The agenda will include: Highlighting the bequest, nominating committee report, goals, and the motion that was approved regarding the endowment fund.

8. Goals (Amanda/John/Kim)

MOTION: A motion was made (Laura/Alan) to adopt the following goals:

- 1) **Renew St Andrew's focus on love, diversity, family and community**
- 2) **Feed our hunger for a deeper spiritual life**
- 3) **Optimize our organizational structure in order to share better the work of running St Andrew's together.**

The motion was approved.

9. Setting the Calendar for June-August (Kristen)

The following dates were agreed to:

- June 3 – Task Force
- June 17 – Vestry Meeting
- June 22 – Parish Picnic
- July 1 – Task Force
- July 15 – Vestry Meeting
- August 19 – Vestry Meeting

10. Youth Minister (Steve)

Steve shared the recommendation from the committee looking at a youth minister.

11. Old/New Business (Steve)

New – An agenda setting meeting will be added approximately 1 week before a Vestry Meeting. All Vestry Members will be notified when the meeting is and are welcome to attend.

12. Closing Prayer (Steve)

13. Adjournment (Steve)

MOTION: A motion was made (Cathy/Lucinda) to adjourn at 9:25pm. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann
Vestry Clerk