

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Vestry Meeting

August 18, 2015, 7 p.m.  
Farmer Hall

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Gary Naegel, John Armstrong, Kristen Garnett, Cathy Golden, Louise Beecher, Alan Miller, Art Criddle, Cathy Golden, Mark Auletta, Amanda Hayward the Rev. Jennings Matheson.

**Absent:** Colleen McHugh, Rebecca Rastetter, Lucinda Embersits.

**In Attendance:** Grant Underwood, music director

### Opening Prayer

#### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the July 21 meeting were approved. The motion was made by John Armstrong and seconded by Gary Naegel.

#### 2. Treasurer's report.

The June treasurer's report was approved. The motion was made by Mark Auletta and seconded by Art Criddle.

#### 3. Committee Updates

- **Sound System**

The Vestry approved spending up to \$2,500 to purchase speakers and sound equipment for the church. The money will be taken from the Music Fund. The motion was made by Mark Auletta and seconded by Amanda Hayward.

The speakers and equipment will allow members of the choir and others by the altar to hear better during services (they currently sit behind the existing sound system) and will also allow sound to be controlled from the pews via a sound board.

- **Building and Grounds: Kitchen Renovation**

Alan Miller, who is heading the project to renew Farmer Hall, reported on plans for the kitchen. Two pieces of commercial equipment will be purchased – a 36"inch griddle and a 6-burner stove. Both are stainless steel and have ovens underneath. A 6-foot-long stainless steel table on wheels will also be purchased to provide additional prep space. Also, the new kitchen will contain a multi-shelf "hot cabinet" to keep prepared food warm.

Although he had previously been told by town officials that a three-part sink would have to be installed for health safety reasons, Miller reported that has turned out not to be the case because the church will be purchasing a commercial dishwasher. The dishwasher comes with a rinsing sink. The new kitchen will also have a hand-washing sink and a prep sink. The current refrigerator will be kept.

Miller said the next steps will be to get the permits necessary to do the work, then start the demolition of the wall that divides the kitchen from the rest of Farmer Hall.

- **Hospitality**

Gary Naegel said the Vestry should set up a long-term calendar, rather than just going from event-to-event.

The next event will be a cabaret. It will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 17 in Farmer Hal.

Kristen Garnett reported that she had found three other volunteers willing to organize a progressive dinner similar to the one that had proved very popular last year. She said that Nancy Karas, Colleen McHugh and Laura Downes had agreed to work with her. A date still has to be set for the event.

St. Andrew's Day is on Nov. 22 and will be celebrated with bagpipe music at the church services.

Efforts are being made to organize greeters for both church services. Helen Van Antwerp is working on organizing the nametags.

#### **4. Interim Rector's Report**

The Rev. Jennings Matheson reported that she had officiated at two funerals and a wedding since the last vestry meeting.

She also said that progress was being made in finding a new director for the church school and that a strong candidate would be interviewed by her and acting church school director Mary Merkle-Scotland on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Finally, she said that the church should look into installing lighting in the upper parking lot for security purposes.

#### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by the Cathy Golden and seconded by Mark Auletta.

Minutes respectfully submitted Louise Beecher, Vestry Clerk