

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting**

Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m.  
Farmer Hall

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Mark Auletta, John Armstrong, Art Criddle, Steve Domienik, Laura Downes, Kristen Garnett, Cathy Golden, Amanda Hayward, Kim Hodgson, Margaret Mason, Sue McCann, Alan Miller

**Guests:** Linda Criddle

**1. Opening Prayer (Steve)**

**2. Check In (Vestry)**

**3. Approval of November Minutes (Sue)**

**MOTION: A motion was made (Mark/Cathy) to accept the November minutes as amended. The motion was approved.**

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

The Vestry reviewed the November report. A special endowment withdrawal of \$20,000 was taken in November ; the total YTD endowment withdrawal is \$35,500. This is in accordance with the parish approval in May 2014, to withdraw up to \$70,000 from the endowment in 2014 to cover budget shortfalls. The audit is ongoing and will be paid in 2014.

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

**5. 10:15 Service Length**

In the summer of 2014 the parish survey indicated that the 10:15 service should end by 11. However, the service has been taking an hour. After discussion, it was decided not to make any changes to the service length; however this will need to be reassessed in 2015.

**6. Behavior Covenant**

The Behavior Covenant was edited based on further parish feedback and will be presented at the February 2015 Annual Meeting. This document will now be referred to as the Parish Covenant.

**7. Review Goals**

This was tabled to the January meeting.

**8. Bishop Visit**

Everyone appreciated the Bishop's visit and his time at the luncheon. The vestry thanked Laura Downes for hosting the luncheon. Laura will arrange with the library to get copies of the book "Screw Tape Letters" by C.S. Lewis for the Lenten Series.

## 9. Committee Updates

- a. **Adult Ed:** Space to hold the Sunday Adult Ed is still under discussion. The choir room is not available. Solutions need to be considered – prices will be gathered for room dividers. In the meanwhile, the Adult Ed will meet in the boy scout corner of Farmer Hall.
- b. **Building/ Grounds:** no report
- c. **Finance:** The budget is drafted and will be shared with the Vestry at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- d. **Hospitality:** no report
- e. **Music:** The music committee is looking to recruit additional members for the choir.
- f. **Nominating:** The nominating committee met on November 20<sup>th</sup> and recommends the following slate: Sr Warden: Gary Naegel; Jr Warden: John Armstrong; Treasurer: Cathy Golden; Clerk: Louise Beecher; Kristen Garnett (2 yr term); Art Criddle (3 yr term); Colleen McHugh (3yr term) and Rebecca Rastetter (3 yr term)
- g. **Outreach:** Kim read a letter from Timothy (sponsored Uganda orphan).  
**MOTION: A motion was made (Sue/Mark) to make a tuition payment (plus transfer fees) in the amount of \$1810 for the four sponsored Uganda orphans. The funds will come from the Outreach Fund. The motion was approved.**  
**MOTION: A motion was made (Laura/Margaret) to provide \$1000 to Madison Community Services (\$500 from Outreach Fund/\$500 from Outreach Line Item); \$350 from Outreach Line Item to Episcopal Relief and Development Fund; and \$525 from Outreach Line Item to sponsor another inner-city Hartford youth from Trinity Church to attend Camp Washington in the summer of 2015. The motion was approved.**
- h. **Pastoral Care:** Roger Cyrus is in failing health. Please keep Roger and his family in your prayers.
- i. **Sunday School/Youth Group:** no report.
- j. **Stewardship:** 74 estimate of giving cards have been received for a total estimate of giving of \$178,000. Another 36 households will be contacted. Stewardship education will be looked at throughout 2015.
- k. **Welcoming:** no report.

## 10. Old/New Business (Steve)

**New:** The vestry thanked Steve for his leadership and presented him with a Christmas Gift.

## 11. Closing Prayer (Steve)

## 12. Adjournment (Steve)

**MOTION: A motion was made (Kristen/Cathy) to adjourn at 9:10pm. The motion was approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann  
Vestry Clerk