

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

Dec. 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Farmer Hall

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

Absent: Sarah Auletta.

Also in attendance: Treasurer Cathy Golden.

Minutes

The minutes of November's meeting were accepted on a motion made by Rebecca Rastetter and seconded by Gary Cimmino.

Treasurer's Report

Ray Hencir reported that pledge income for the year was running under budget by \$21,900 or 11.6 percent. Hencir said finding out why the pledge income was running below expectation would have to figure in planning the 2018 budget. Meanwhile, expenses are running 1.6 percent over what was budgeted for the year.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Art Criddle that was seconded by Ray Hencir.

Budget

Treasurer Cathy Golden said that work was continuing on the budget and that a final draft would be presented to the vestry for adoption in January before the church's annual meeting. Golden pointed out that a number of changes would be made to the way St. Andrew's manages its finances in the coming year: a bookkeeper was being hired and expense categories were being switched around - for instance, utility costs for the church and rectory were being split.

She also said that a system of standard operating procedures for handling money in which everyone's role was clearly established would be presented to the vestry at its next meeting.

Rector's Report

The Rev. Shariya Molegoda reported that the service for the late Jan Anderson will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. She also said that an extra vestry meeting would have to be held in January to prepare for the Episcopal Visitation.

Stewardship

Gary Naegel said that the stewardship campaign should continue throughout the year with different messages delivered to the congregation. John Armstrong supported this saying that younger members of the congregation were not getting involved in giving money as well as time and talent.

Security

Ray Hencir described his recent efforts to explore increasing security at St. Andrew's. He said he had met with the pre-school staff, spoke with officials at two other churches to discuss their approach to this issue, met with a recent criminal justice graduate and checked with the Department of Homeland Security. He said he planned to meet with the church's ushers to get their ideas.

Buildings and Grounds

The vestry approved a motion to give Gary Cimmino and Gary Naegel the authority to determine what to keep and what to throw out in a much-needed cleaning of the garage located next to the rectory. The motion was made by Louise Beecher and seconded by Rebecca Rastetter.

Among the items currently in the garage are sawhorses and sheets of plywood that were stored for the Friends of Hammonasset.

Nominating Committee

Rebecca Rastetter said that the Nominating Committee was still working on finding nominees for treasurer, and the convention delegate and vestry positions that need to be filled. She said that a complete list would be presented at the vestry's Jan. 16 meeting.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made at 9 p. m. by Gary Naegel and seconded by Rebecca Rastetter.

Minutes prepared by Louise Beecher