

ST. ANDREW'S ON-THE-SOUND
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
JANUARY 22, 2017

Meeting: The annual retreat meeting

Called to order: Richard Elliott, Rector

Vestry members present:

Frances Goodman	Jimmy Miller	Barry Farrell
Jack Manock	Bill Heckman	Angela MacKinnon
Kevin Davidson	Jason Ferree	Melinda Rider
Myra Wallace		

Also present: The Rev'd Sarah Smith, Curate

Devotions: Frances Goodman

Minutes: December 2016 meeting were accepted with the following corrections:
Stewardship – The total number of pledges as of December 13 was 170. The total amount pledged was \$497,878. There are still 46 more people to hear from.

Treasurer's report: Submitted by Barry Farrell

- Currently in a stable cash position
- Will be transferring some cash to reserves – this will give us enough in reserves to cover 3 months of expenses
- We had a fantastic December and raised more money than expected
- For 2016, our expenses were less than budgeted
- 2017 budget will be snapshot of 2016, with updated variables, i.e. salaries
- Capital Campaign will be paid off in 2017
- We have re-invested money into the operating budget to enhance the church
- Endowment money can be used for capital repairs & outreach – Richard E.
- We are waiting for specific pledges to pay off the mortgage – Frances G.
- Treasurer's report accepted

Senior Warden's report: Submitted by Frances Goodman

- Welcomed new members
- Presented Vestry Resource Guide to all members
- Presented proposed 2017 budget
 - Based on 2016 budget with 2017 notations
 - Pledges are only budgeted at 95%
 - Adjusted non-plate contributions from \$112K (actual \$86K) in 2016 to \$85K in 2017
 - Diocesan pledge of 10%

- Reviewed staff compensation packages
- Outreach \$5,000 – paid \$2500 of the 2017 Habitat commitment in 2016
- Help Hub \$2,500 each year for 2 more years
- Building & Grounds is a new line item for 2017
- Maintenance was lowered to \$20K from \$25K in 2016
- Lebanon Chapel is a new line item for 2017; \$1,200 for traffic direction
- Advertising \$2,000 to bring website up to date
- Internet/Telephone reduced to \$3,000 from \$5972 b/c non-renewal of Windstream contract
- Choir Section Leaders \$6000
- Supply Organist \$1,800
- Building and Grounds reserve stands at \$74,745.00 as of the end of 2016 but after crash repair expenses have been paid, balance should be approx. \$30K
- We will not do a full audit in 2017 because it is not necessary – will be a review
- The Evangelical Committee does not currently have a separate line item – it is incorporated under Parish Life – Jack M.
- It was agreed to clean out the storage unit stat
- It was clarified that we do not charge for funerals, it is a service to our members – Richard E.
- 2017 Budget was accepted

Junior Warden's report: Submitted by Jimmy Miller

- No current list of repairs
- He will be meeting with Charlie on landscaping
- There will be an upcoming stucco test to report because there may be moisture on the south facing wall
- There was a donor willing to fund the parking lot project but the quote came in significantly more than originally thought so this is currently on hold – Richard E.
- We have 2 bids in process on lighting – Jack M.

Curate's report: Submitted by Sarah Smith

- Thank you for the ordination
- What a great first Christmas
- We will create name tags for Vestry Members to use by 2/1 and make them available to other members upon request
- Looking forward to Lent (Ash Wednesday – March 1)
 - Offering first communion class on Wednesdays during Lent
 - There will also be a simple dinner
- 2 Bible Studies will be starting up; daytime lead by Sarah and evening lead by Donna Grice
- Will be preaching at an upcoming conference in San Antonio in May; thank you for approving CE

Rector's report: Submitted by Richard Elliott

- The Vestry needs to consider options for the surplus
- Barry & Jack will be working on a strategic plan

- Presented plastic Easter eggs with a Vestry member's name to each Vestry member to pray for during the month
- Sarah, Donna G. & Richard met to discuss weddings:
 - Weddings are generally done for parishioners or those close to parishioners
 - Begin to institute a \$750 fee for the use of the church at Richard's discretion
 - Will determine: other fees to consider, requirements & criteria
 - We do not 'rent' the church out for use
 - It is our policy to demand any candidates for marriage attend 3 marriage counseling sessions with a licensed marriage counselor. They must pay for it themselves and provide SAOTS with an official letter from the counselor documenting completion
- Last night he loved the energy and came away with 3 goals for 2017:
 - Continued promotion of intergenerational connections
 - Increasing social activities
 - Taking more of a hands-on approach with the Church's extended family
- The focus becomes: how to get others involved
 - Invite people to help in a finite way, so that there is healthy energy
 - We need help transitioning the upcoming Seder Passover cooking to other parishioners
- Crises in the choir
 - All churches are experiencing the loss of choir members
 - It may stem from music no longer being mandatory in schools
 - Many people want singing in the choir, but will not/cannot volunteer
 - Mark is willing to experiment; possibly a 9 am quartet
- Attendance has been off b/c we have had some odd weeks with the holidays falling on Sundays and the hurricane
- We don't have a great number of working committees and he would like to see more involvement
- The following new Vestry members have agreed to volunteer:
 - Kevin Davidson, Stewardship, Evangelical
 - Jason Ferree, Finance
 - Myra Wallace, SAOTS PreK School Board
 - Melinda Rider, Pastoral Care with Henrietta & Stephen's Ministry

Committee reports:

Stewardship: Submitted by: Bill Heckman

- The Stewardship committee did a heck of a job – Jack M.
- 190 pledges turned in for 2016, down from 195 for 2016
- 2017 total pledges are \$551,798, up \$6,707 from 2016

Evangelical: Submitted by Kevin Davidson

- The Easter bunny breakfast is Saturday, 4/15
- The Oyster Roast is Friday, 2/17
 - 53 tickets sold
 - We may come up with a \$500 gain, but not goal of event

- We will announce at the upcoming services
- We now have a separate bank account set up

Landscaping: Submitted by Jack Manock

- Ginko trees have been planted

Outreach:

- We need a Liaison Outreach Coordinator/Outreach Committee – Jack M.
- Any member of the church can bring any matter for consideration to the Vestry – Richard E.

Building & Grounds:

- We need a timeline for construction in the education wing – Jack M.

2017 Vestry Rep of the Month:

January:	Frances Goodman	Jack Manock
February:	Jason Ferree	Mark Matheny
March:	Kevin Davidson	Angela MacKinnon
April:	Mark Matheny	Jason Ferree
May:	Melinda Ryder	Jimmy Miller
June:	Myra Wallace	Donna Grice
July:	Barry Farrell	Myra Wallace
August:	Donna Grice	Frances Goodman
September:	Jimmy Miller	Bill Heckman
October:	Jack Manock	Melinda Ryder
November:	Bill Heckman	Barry Farrell
December:	Angela MacKinnon	Kevin Davidson

Motion to adjourn accepted

Closing remarks

Meeting adjourned with a prayer

Next meeting: February 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Angela MacKinnon