

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Minutes for August 15, 2017

Attending: The Rev. Tony Anderson, Ben Bryan, Lee Hammond, The Rev. Diane Pike, Nancy Ponec, Shaun Rife, Eric Rodawig, Jim Schreiber, Taryn Smith, Lauren White, Sue Woodson

Guest: Loree MacNeill

Opening Prayer and reflection:

Tony opened with prayer.

Guest Business:

Loree was in attendance in order to offer a challenge from the Senior Choir to the Vestry. The Choir challenges the Vestry to a Tug of War at the September 10th Round-Up Sunday picnic.

The Vestry's decision to take up the challenge was unanimous.

Loree also announced that beginning in September, there will be a gathering of the Fun Club on the second Tuesday of the month with locations to be announced.

Approval of the Vestry July 18 minutes:

The minutes for the July 18, 2017, meeting of the Vestry were reviewed for accuracy.

Jim moved and Lee seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

The **financial reports for July** were given by Jim. The numbers are where we expected to be for the month with the exception of the expenses of the Altar Guild. Jim explained that this was due to our not having been billed by the Vendor for Altar Flowers in 10 months, in spite of repeated calls requesting invoices. Finally, an invoice was received for a total of \$3,293.19, putting them over budget for the year.

Jim moved and Nancy seconded to allow the Altar Guild to go over their budget for the year by \$2,000. The vote was unanimous.

Rector Report:

John is gone on his **sabbatical** from June 5 – September 5, 2017.

Associate Rector Report:

Diane announced that she is hoping to begin an EfM (Education for Ministry) Program in January. A minimum of 6 people registering for the program is required. Diane completed EfM Mentor training in August.

Diane talked about her discussions with Lutheran Family Services about the possibility of St. Andrew's Episcopal, working with other groups, adopting a refuge family. There will be more information soon. She also discussed the purchase of a Magdalene home by the Diocese of Nebraska, to be run using the Thistle Farms (Becca Steven's) model. The Rev. Theresa Houser will be directing this project.

She also reported the purchase of changing tables for four of the restrooms in the building – two women's and two men's.

Senior Warden Report:

Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee has begun meeting and is looking at the three areas they feel need their attention. These are Ministry & Mission, Endowment and House and Grounds. The seeds of LRP are Mission and Ministry. In this area, House and Grounds is researching a new sound system and a hearing loop. A Welcoming Committee is being formed which Sharon Kryger has agreed to chair. This committee will also encompass electronic communications.

Junior Warden Report:

Building & Grounds Committee, made up of Jim Saunders, Bill Ponec and Lee Hammond, is working on cleaning the facility and maintaining the cleanliness. Ken West will report on how best to get light that is needed in the sanctuary. Plans call for replacing the boiler's hot water heater with one that will be run by natural gas instead of electricity. The outside windows are to be painted and sealed.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

Concerning the **request to fund a section leader** for the choir per Michael Bauer's request at the July meeting, it was determined that in order to do this \$1,500 would be needed to be added to the current year's approved expenses (August through December) at \$300 per month. However, we would have to hire that individual for a year so \$3,000 will need to be used in the 2018 budget for a male section leader.

Nancy moved and Lee seconded that the Senior Choir be allowed to spend \$1,500 for the fall of 2017 over and above the approved budget for 2017 to hire a male section leader. The vote was unanimous.

Jim presented options for the funding of **HVAC installation and repair**.

Jim moved and Eric seconded that we first use a monetary gift from a donor member of \$41,000+ to be received in late September. The remaining amount needed for the installation will be divided between the Clergy Fund and the General Fund. The vote was unanimous.

The Budget Committee feels financially for now we are in good shape. Work is beginning on the budget for 2018 and will be done in the same way it was done last year. Income will be worked on in September, Personnel in October, and everything else will be put in place in November. The Vestry will be presented a budget for approval in December that will then be presented to the Annual Meeting in January.

Committee Reports:

None

Other Business:

The report on attendance for July was presented.

Closing Prayer: Nancy closed the meeting with a meditation and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Winsor