

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Minutes for March 21, 2017

Attending: Roxi Adams, Ben Bryan, Lee Hammond, The Rev. Diane Pike, Nancy Ponec, Eric Rodawig, Jim Schreiber, The Rev. John Schaefer, Joel VanderVeen, Lauren White, Sue Woodson

Fr. John introduced Roxi Adams, a newly elected member of the Vestry who attended her first meeting.

Opening Prayer: John opened the meeting with prayer and a reflection.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting minutes:

The minutes for February were moved for approval by Nancy and seconded by Ben. The vote was unanimous.

Finance Report:

The **finance reports for February** were given. February was a very healthy month in terms of operating cash with a balance of \$363,672.55.

Jim reported on **transfer of funds to Security National Bank**. We have funded three accounts and there are two accounts to be fully funded by the end of this week (March 24th). It will take about eight weeks to fully clear Mutual of Omaha accounts at which point the Mutual of Omaha accounts will be closed. So far the working with Security National Bank has been a pleasure.

Jim reported that **Ginny Winsor, Financial Administrator**, fell over the weekend and broke her shoulder. She is seriously injured and will not be able to work for several weeks while the shoulder heals. Jim has contacted the Diocese, PayChecks and Account Temps for possible temporary assistance. There is a temp available and the cost is \$21.92/hour which includes all fees, taxes and benefits.

Fr. John is going to contact Mary Beth who did our books before Ginny. If she is not available, the Finance Committee recommends going back to Account Temps and hire a temporary bookkeeper. Jim made a motion to try Mary Beth with Account Temps as a backup. The motion was seconded by Joel. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim made a motion to continue paying Ginny at the regular salary, per Fr. John's request, assuming that will not affect her receiving benefits. Sue seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rector Report:

The adult trip to the Dominican Republic has 7 people going. Both John and Diane will be going. A supply priest will be obtained for that weekend.

Fr. John is shifting his **sabbatical dates** to June 5th – September 5th, which is a slight change.

We received a letter from Bishop Barker thanking St. Andrew's for **fully funding our contribution to support the diocesan budget**.

Fr. John showed the decal issued by Episcopal Peace Fellowship not allowing firearms on church grounds, a resolution approved by the Diocese of Nebraska at Annual Council in October 2016. The decal will be posted and we will make clear that peace officers, in the course of their duties are carrying weapons, they are welcome to worship at St. Andrew's.

Associate Rector Report:

Diane shared the **Safe Guarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's** people training. It is recommended for wardens and vestry members, and Diane offered to make training available for those who want to do in person training rather than online training.

Sr. Warden's Report:

Nancy raised the issue of younger members feeling disenfranchised and/or not heard by other members of the congregation. She asked for input from younger members on the vestry. Discussion.

Jr. Warden's Report:

Lee acknowledged the pastoral care offered to the O'Shea family during Luke's hospitalization and subsequent transplant surgery. He thanked everyone who took time to visit, make a meal, etc. Lee reminded us that we should never underestimate the power of prayer. Church family is amazing and very important.

New Business:

Sue updated us on the progress of the **website**. Research is currently being done on effective church websites, what works well and what doesn't. Sue and Sheila Karpf are meeting with the JM design team next week to discuss site map.

Fr. John gave an update on the **long range planning committee** meeting held in early March. The focus right now is on physical plant. For instance, mitigation of the ice in the parking lot off the drain and around the back kitchen door, repaving and restriping the parking lot. The windows need to be repainted on the exterior. Electronic controls are being looked into for the boiler room which might create a savings on utilities.

Vestry Retreat is April 1st at St. Martha's in Papillion from 9-3.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Nancy closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Diane Pike