

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Minutes for October 17, 2017

Attending: Roxi Adams, Lee Hammond, Nancy Ponec, Shaun Rife, Eric Rodawig, The Rev. John Schaefer, Jim Schreiber, Joel VanderVeen, Lauren White

I. **Spiritual Enrichment**

Discipleship group sheet focused on "By God's Grace, I will be a good steward of my money." Those present discussed how each worked towards being a good steward as they dealt with giving – both financially and with time and talents – during their lifetimes and what their goals are.

II. **Current State of the Parish**

The **Minutes** for the September 19, 2017, meeting of the Vestry were reviewed for accuracy.

Shaun moved and Eric seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

The **Attendance Report** for September was given and the running average stands at 189 for all the weekly services for the year to date.

The **Financial Reports** for September and the year-to-date were reviewed by Jim.

Jim reviewed the results of the month's financial activities, explaining some of the anomalies of the month. The fifth and final fund-raising concert was an added expense of approximately \$10,000 and several one-time only expenses in maintenance and repairs were paid. Jim announced that we have received the money pledged by Joe Engle to pay a large portion of the cost and a new donor has come forward and will donate the remaining cost. This means that the original decision to pay for the project with Joe Engle's pledged gift of \$41,110; \$30,000 from the Clergy Fund; and the Approximately \$20,000 balance from the General Fund is no longer needed. *Lee moved and Jim seconded that the original decision be rescinded in light of the new donor with the two gifts paying the total costs of the project and no money needing to be transferred from the Clergy Fund or the General Fund. The vote was unanimous.*

The **Finance Committee Recommendations** were presented.

Jim presented the Vestry with the adjusted working Income Budget for 2018 as adjusted by the based on some new knowledge regarding potential pledges for the 2018 year to be used as a guideline for the next phases of the budget work. The report from the Personnel Committee recommended leaving all Personnel costs the same except as necessary due to insurance rates changing, etc. Using the assumed Income balance, and deducting the personnel costs and the Non-Personnel required costs, shows the balance available for all other categories of expenses. The likely result is a shortfall for 2018 and several options were discussed for solving the problem.

John presented the updates on **Stewardship**. Those in attendance were handed their letters containing a letter about the importance of individuals' gifts and new pledge forms for 2018. These went out in the mail to the rest of the congregation on Monday. John reminded that members of the Vestry must be "Contributors of Record" in order to serve on the Vestry.

John handed out for consideration a **reworked Alcohol Use Policy**. *After discussion, Lee moved and Nancy seconded that the Policy be adopted. The vote was unanimous.*

Lee updated the group on the status of the **Boiler and new HVAC System Controls**. The boiler is installed and was actually turned on for the first time to be sure it worked properly this morning. The new system controls have been put into place and the company installing the system is testing it out to be sure it is working

properly. The final things are setting the controls and connecting to the computer system, having the required city inspections, and paying the bills.

III. Visioning for the Future

Many - unrestricted by financial considerations - dreams for the future were thrown out by members of the Vestry. Purchasing a church van (or finding someone to donate one) was high on the list!

The meeting was closed with prayer by Nancy.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Winsor