

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Minutes for September 19, 2017

**Attending:** Roxi Adams, The Rev. Tony Anderson, Ben Bryan, Lee Hammond, The Rev. Steve Karcher, The Rev. Diane Pike, Nancy Ponec, Shaun Rife, Eric Rodawig, The Rev. John Schaefer, Jim Schreiber, Taryn Smith, Joel VanderVeen, Lauren White, Sue Woodson

### I. **Spiritual Enrichment**

John introduced the new format of the agenda which would focus on the discipleship groups and disciplines. The format for discussion to support each other in following Jesus in prayer, worship and service was read and a discussion about how each individual defines prayer ensued.

### II. **Current State of the Parish**

The **Minutes** for the August 15, 2017, meeting of the Vestry were reviewed for accuracy.

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

The **Attendance Report** for August was given and the running average stands at 189 for the four services.

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

The Associate Rector Education expense line is over budget for the year due to some unanticipated educational opportunities that arose early in the year. *The Vestry moved by acclamation to allow this expense up to a total of \$1,500.*

The Finance Committee recommends that during the budgeting for next year, unrestricted Funds remaining in certain Fund Balances be used for some of the parallel costs of budget items. Those involved would be Building Maintenance Fund, Columbarium Fund, Clergy Fund, and Outreach Funds. *Joel moved and Roxi seconded that monies from these Fund Balances be allocated to parallel Operating costs during the year. The vote was unanimous.*

The ECW has requested that it be allowed to have a separate checking account at Security National Bank, just as the Antique Show, the Nearly New Shop and St. Monica's Guild have their own accounts. The signers on the new account would be the President and the Treasurer. *The Vestry moved by acclamation that this account be opened.*

The Vestry was presented with the working Income Budget for 2018 as recommended by the Finance Committee to be used as a guideline for the next phases of the budget work.

John presented a draft of a proposal for an **alcohol use policy** for St. Andrew's. After much discussion it was agreed that we need a policy. John will take his notes from the discussion and rewrite his draft to reflect the conversation and will then email the proposed revision to the members of the Vestry.

Sue updated the Vestry on the **status of the website**. She requested that anyone who has pictures of church activities on their cell phones or cameras to please send them to her for use on the site.

Lee updated the group on the status of the **Boiler and new HVAC System Controls**. The physical boiler is on the property and in the room. The new hot water heater is installed and everything is on schedule. As the boiler is being put together, the new controls of the system will be begun to be put into place.

**Pacific Street construction** has reached the point where the final portion of road work to be done has reached the front of St. Andrew's and work will be commenced on September 25, continuing for the following five weeks.

**Cleaning the Church** update – Nancy announced that the windows have been cleaned both inside and out in several areas of the church.

**Christian Formation** reports were given.

The **Adult Education** Bible Study is focusing on the Parables. These will be covered for five weeks in the fall and then for five weeks in the spring. The men's study group is also meeting again this fall.

The St. Andrew's **Youth Group** (SAY) is meeting every Wednesday in October and then going to have meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. They will also have a couple of weekend events during the year.

There will be **Confirmation Classes** for both Youth and Adults. The Adult classes will be led by Diane and Tony; the Youth classes will be led by John and Margaret. The Youth and adult classes will meet on Sunday early evenings (5:00 until 7:00) beginning October 8, and will include a meal for participants.

John presented a draft consideration of the possibility of providing supply clergy for the **Church of the Resurrection** in North Omaha. The previous Rector, Fr. Jason Emerson, has moved for a new position and location, leaving the Church of the Resurrection in need of supply priests while they are planning for their future. John is willing to help them get supply priests and has already preached for them once during his sabbatical. We could also invite their youth and adult education programs to meet with some of our projects. They would pay us a reasonable amount providing us with a new income stream. Conversations continue. *Jim moved and Lee seconded that the Vestry supports this project. The vote was unanimous.*

**Invite/Welcome/Connect/Stewardship** is getting into action with Sharon Kryger serving as the coordinator of the program. The major workshop intended for this fall, will be held in the spring on March 2nd and 3rd in Lincoln. Diane handed out information about the Invite/Welcome/Connect program and a list of month-by-month categories, activities, resources, who is to lead, and what publicity will be used.

**Other things happening in the parish** – We are working to adopt a large refugee family from Afghanistan. More information coming soon.

The Vestry won the **Tug of War** with the Senior Choir and is proud to display the trophy.

### III. **Visioning for the Future**

The large **crab apple tree** outside Havilland Hall is dying. It is currently being held together by ropes and Phil Pierce has been cutting off small limbs as he is able. He will bring in a tree removal company to remove the rest of the tree. The Vestry needs to begin brainstorming what should be done with the empty space.

Eric has investigated the **cost of buying new coffee making and serving equipment** to begin using new, better tasting, and cheaper coffee. The cost of equipment he anticipates will be about \$1,500 and the cost of the coffee will be roughly half what we are currently paying. A couple of other places to check prices were suggested.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Nancy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Winsor