

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

October 15, 2024

Present: Reverend Cannon John Spicer, Mtr. Jean Long, Mtr. Rita Kendagor, Paul Wurth, Steve Miller, Jean Kiene, Sara Welch, Cameron Rostern, Guy Creveling, Tim Cranor, Scott Burditt, Jewel Scott, Carolyn Lathrop, Ward Cook, Stephanie Henson, Janet Kelly, Johnny Honnold and Colbi Hyde. Deacon Adam James

Consent Agenda: Fr. John called for a motion to accept the agenda and minutes from September, 2024 meeting. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Fr. John read from Titus 1:7-9. This passage describes what a bishop should be. As the Diocese is in the process of selecting a new bishop, he felt it was appropriate. He followed this with the prayer for discerning a new bishop that was written by and used by the diocese during our search.

Building the Pilgrim's Pathway to Heaven on Earth

1. Ministry categorization according to the Way of Love. Fr. John said he still does not have all the commissions' worksheets. He will compile a draft of all of them and send it out before the next meeting.
2. Discussion on Part III of *The Heart of a Leader*, "Guiding the Flock".
 - a. Vestry members were divided into small groups and discussed the questions he had provided about personal experiences with scripture intersecting in your life.
 - b. After half an hour, the group joined again and discussed the results. Fr. John stated that one of the bishop candidates had stated she wanted to be "the least anxious person in the room." A discussion was held as to how members felt about being anxious and how it affected them.

The collect for the feast of Richard Hooker talks of taking the "middle road" and a discussion was held as to what that means in groups and Church.

Someone felt the middle ground meant it was more import to listen then talk.

Reflecting on Commissions' Ministries

1. Jewel and Stephanie reported on a highlight of their commission work. Their commission – Community Engagement was asked to read The Way of Love. The discussion that followed was very emotional and loving. The group really shared and it was a great experience as everyone was very supportive of each other.
2. Collaborative opportunities include the circles that have been created for the Stewardship campaign. Paul said that his group have been very enthused and Carolyn and Jean both said they have experienced the same thing.
3. Colbi said that Boo Bash was coming up and that so far, they have 22 signed up for the ski trip. They are having joint meetings with youth from Grace & Holy and that the 4th Sunday of every month will be group gatherings from various churches. Johnny reported that there is a lot of interest in acolytes. Many vestry members commented how great they were doing and how nice to have such a full complement, especially at the 8:00 service.

Other Business

1. Fr. John announced that the following people had been nominated for the Vestry class of 2028. They are Tim Dodderidge, Ben Gloe, Carolyn Johnson, Karen Lundgren, Alisa Ramsey, Ann Woodyard. Nominations will be published soon and nominations from the floor are also possible. The nominating committee included Bill Aliber, Jason Anglian, Scott Burditt, Cate Duerst, Victoria Fiori.

2. Jason gave the monthly finance report. The 2023 audit was completed and it was a clean report. The two things the auditor discussed were: 1) cyber security. Our insurance covers that, but it was suggested we check to see if anything else was needed. 2) A second financial administrator. Jason said that we do not need this as we have many to check on things, and internal controls in place. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the report.
He then gave the monthly report that things looked strong in September. The large donation of \$183,000 meant that the Finance committee is thinking they may not take the annual draw from Endowment. It is still being discussed but the donation helped put things in good shape. We should be at or exceed expectations.
3. Stewardship
 - a. Vestry calling. Fr. John urged people to complete their calling soon. Many said it was going well, and Sara and Ward shared stories of some interesting calls.
 - b. Love-In-Action campaign is going well Tim reports. Circles are getting started and the all-church picnic was very good and well attended. While a few pledges are in, it is still very early and hard to compare with the previous year as we are starting earlier this year.
 - c. Fr. John asked if Vestry would like to start at 6:30 in the future. A discussion followed and Janet suggested it be tried for a few meetings and see how it goes. Vestry agreed and starting in November we will meet from 6:30-8.
 - d. Thank you notes will go to Cathy Moseley for all the pet activities she has directed lately. Another note will go to Betsy Curry, Joy Bower and Carolyn Johnson for organizing the all-church picnic.
 - e. Ward asked to make an announcement before the closing prayer. The theme for Youth trivia night is "Around the World in One Night". Each table will be a different country and the baskets will be themed around it.

Closing prayer Fr. John displaced a picture of the statue at the church in Exeter that commemorates the feast of Richard Hooker. He read the prayer that accompanied it.

The meeting was concluded

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Conlan Goodrich, Vestry Secretary