

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

December 19, 2023

Present: Cannon John Spicer, Mtr. Jean Long, Paul Wurth, Steve Miller, Deacon Adam James, Jewel Scott, Christina Santiago-Turner, Mtr. Rita Kendagor, Jason Anglian, Susan Paynter, Stephanie Henson, Jean Kiene, Sara Welch, Tim Kramer, Janet Kelley, Cameron Rostern, Carolyn Lathrop, Ward Cook, Emily Bond, Scott Burditt, Pam Orlander, Guy Creveling

Consent of Agenda and November Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed that both be accepted.

Opening scripture and prayer: Cannon John read from Luke 1: 26-38. A discussion of the passage followed and Cannon John followed it with a prayer.

Disciples on the journey: Ward spoke about a recent concert. Susan commented on all the energy the clergy have displayed of late. Cannon John spoke of all those who are serving at church lately and those who came out to participate and to view the Christmas Carol. Jean mentioned the purchase of the cards for Haiti and how important it is.

Stewards on the journey:

1. Stewardship: Cannon John gave the following update comparing pledges from Dec., 2022 which were 1,271,965 to Dec. 2023 which are 1,510,341. New pledges 36 versus only 16 last year. Letters have been sent to those who have not pledged this year but did last; some to those who have never pledged. Nina will furnish a list to Cannon John of those who have not pledged before the end of the year. He will follow-up.
2. Finance:
 - a. Jason said that November we had good income and expenses were kept in check.
 - b. The First Draft of the budget for 2024 was presented. Jason explained that this was a first look and that some changes will be made before the Vestry votes in January. He explained the first column was where we are today and the 3rd column is an idea of what 2024 might be. He also said prepaid pledges were the key. Jason went through the budget which follows and offered to answer any questions or discuss anything either by phone or email. He promised a quick response. If anyone's commission had a need, he would also appreciate receiving those requests. Paul spoke of how past budgets were approved and the need to have 90% confidence in the budget we approve.

Other business:

1. Thank you notes- Dr. Tom Vozella for The Christmas Carol, Paula Longan Bread ministry, Joe Woodyard tech guild.
2. Susan asked for prayers for coffee hour on January 7 as Adult Formation is in charge and there will be a large crowd for the Bishop's visit. Help was offered and it was suggested Susan ask and accept help from other commissions.
3. Christmas schedule and Bishop's visit schedule was presented. Cannon John reminded the Vestry they would be taking the Bishop to lunch after the service at approximately 12:45.
4. Everyone should get their reports to Cannon John for the Annual Report by Jan. 10.
5. Upcoming dates of note:
 - a. New Vestry orientation: Jan. 3 at 5:00
 - b. Annual Parish Meeting: Jan. 28. One service at 9:30 with meeting and breakfast to follow.
 - c. Vestry retreat: Feb. 10 (8:30-4) and Feb 11 worship offsite with lunch to follow.
6. Christmas party followed after a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Goodrich, Vestry Secretary

