

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

September 17, 2024

Present: Reverend Cannon John Spicer, Mtr. Jean Long, Paul Wurth, Steve Miller, Jean Kiene, Sara Welch, Cameron Rostern, Pam Orlander, Guy Creveling, Tim Cranor, Scott Burditt, Jewel Scott, Wendy Burgess, Carolyn Lathrop, Ward Cook, Mtr. Anne Hutcherson, Stephanie Henson, Janet Kelly, Johnny Honnold and Colbi Hyde. Guests: Jami Blakely and Keith Johnson, Jen Sackhoff

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

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Fr. John read from Numbers 11: 16-29 followed by the prayer in the BCP pg. 256 - *For All Christians in their vocation.*

Special Item: Discussions with individuals in the process toward ordination

1. Keith Johnson is working on getting a diploma to be an Anglican cleric from Sewanee. He stated discernment is on-going. He feels the Anglican side is very theological and has a lot of spirituality. The Episcopal church is a big tent.
2. Jen Sackhoff graduated in May from BTSM and passed her diocesan exam in June and was placed at Mary Magdelene church. She is now at St. Luke's doing Clinical pastoral education. It is 400 hours with 300 being with patients. She is refining her theological thoughts into practice. She hopes it will help her find her pastoral voice.
3. It was moved, seconded and passed for each candidate that the Vestry continue to support both in the candidacy. The diocese letters were signed by Vestry members.
4. Fr. John introduced Jami Blakely who is from St. Mary's and is a nominee for priesthood. The Diocese now has candidates serve 6 months with another parish and he has been assigned to St. Andrew's. He gave his background and expressed how pleased he is to be with us.

Building the Pilgrim's Pathway to Heaven on Earth

1. Fr. John said he has received a few more sheets from commissions to categorize according to The Way of Love. He would like all of them in to him by October 4. We will discuss at the next Vestry meeting.
2. Fr. John spoke of the book The Heart of a Leader. The question is how can you find your calling? Several people spoke up. Fr. John and others pointed out that it was often doing things that are hard. Mtr. Anne said you must listen to God. Listen. You never know when the timing may be off, but the message is being given. Jewel said she felt it was the church community as well as praying to God. She thinks the St. Andrew's community is very loving and open to helping one who is looking.

Reflecting on Commission's Ministries

1. Coffee hour sign ups are a little different this year reported Carolyn Lathrop. Commissions should sign up for dates related to their events or something they are promoting. She passed around the 2025 sheet.
2. Johnny Honnold and Colbie Hyde both the new Youth wardens talked a little about themselves and their school and church activities.
3. Fr. John asked if everyone had received their call list via email. He explained that each caller could use calls, text or email, whichever they were comfortable with and whichever method fit the person they were calling. He also passed out a new script which had some additions from Scott Burditt that were not in the previous one.
4. Guy gave a report on the new amendment changes for the Endowment Commission policies. They are basically to provide written documentation of what will happen with unrestricted gifts over \$25,000.00. It will be a written account of where the gifts go. It was moved, seconded and passed.
5. Stewardship: The Stewardship commission has 15 leaders for their small discussion groups and 60 people have signed up to participate. The sign-up deadline has been extended to the Parish Picnic on the 29th of September. The groups have been asked to meet two times before the end of November which should give them time to get to know group members.
6. Finance: Paul Wurth gave the August review in Jason's absence. August is traditionally the lowest revenue month of the year. Year to date looks good. There was a bump up in expenses in August but revenue good. We did receive a \$189,000 gift which has not been put on the book so it is not known what it will be used for at this time.
7. Steve Miller reported we have new grass in the parking lot and 4 live trees. The new boiler has been delivered and is awaiting installation. The Undercroft kitchen is finished except for the new room that will house coffee, tea and other drinks. The cabinet makers are now drawing up a proposal.
8. Thank you notes to: John Schaffer for his service as organist while Tom was on sabbatical and Operation Breakthrough for offering the city bus tour.
9. Tim Cranor offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Conlan Goodrich, Vestry Secretary