

St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

The vestry meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Senior Warden Anne McCausland. Those present were: Rev. Reed Loy, Clarke Kidder, Junior Warden, Bert Cooper, Treasurer, Lucy Crichton, Vestry Chaplain, Tom Burack, Audrey Knight, Vickie Haines, Pat Walker, Betty Whinn, and Pam Manus, Clerk.

Guests: Kerrie Diers and Jim Whinn

Those unable to attend: Peter Daley and Brian Tucker.

Opening Prayer and Reflections: Lucy Crichton, Vestry Chaplain, led the vestry in prayer. The scripture reading was from Matthew 13:15-17. "And a voice from heaven said "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased"." After a reading taken from the journal of Thomas Merton we reflected on the question "How would our day be different if we could see every person as God's beloved child?" Some reflections were: there is a value in differences; we would all follow the golden rule of do unto others; there would be less anger and aggression; would we be surprised by the joy? Other thoughts were we might move slower and see others as children of God; would there be "evil doers", would love for them look like rules and regulations? Would there be mental illness? We might be open and encouraged to approach others who were different from us. The discussion was open, insightful and honest. We closed with prayer, intercessions and thanksgiving.

Consent Agenda: Anne McCausland called for acceptance of the Consent Agenda containing the November and December Financial Reports and the committee report as sent by email. Treasurer, Bert Cooper, stated that he was still finalizing the year end report. There were areas that needed clarification, such as monies donated to specific funds that shouldn't be considered as received by St. Andrew's. There are still areas to be worked on, but the Profit and Loss Budget Performances from January 2019-December 2019 were up-to date. The consent agenda was accepted and the Treasurers report accepted for file.

Vestry December Minutes: The December Vestry minutes were reviewed and corrections made. Clarke Kidder moved that the corrected minutes be accepted, Audrey Knight seconded and the motion passed with two abstentions.

Old Business:

- Final approval of the 2020 Budget: Bert Cooper took us through the 2020 Budget, with the Profit and Loss report, and the Capital Expenses. As line by line was discussed a number of changes were made to reflect what was discussed at the December meeting. After further discussion, Betty Whinn moved that the 2020 Budget, reflecting the changes made, be accepted. Tom Burack seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The parish Annual Budget Informational Meeting will be held on January 19 at 9 a.m.
- Vestry Delegate to Diocesan Convention: A member of the Vestry is to be a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Lucy Crichton spoke to the stimulation and wonder of being a Delegate. At present, no one on the Vestry can commit to this. After brief discussion it was felt that the new members of the Vestry (to be voted into office at the January 26th Annual Meeting) should be encouraged to consider this opportunity. This will be done at the February Vestry meeting.

New Business:

- Loose Plate Giving: The Vestry has chosen to look at the loose plate offering (cash received at the offertory) in new ways. How do we turn this into a transforming practice, a prayer, a relationship between our parish and an organization we could support, a practice that enriches our parish? Much discussion centered on information and time frames. At present does the wider parish know what happens to the money (actual cash - not checks or pledges) they put into the collection plate? Does the wider parish know how we choose to give to an organization? It was agreed that education/information about this practice needs to be brought to the congregation/parish. This should be done so that the community of St. Andrew's will have a say in the loose plate giving. Also discussed was the relationship building with an organization. A few dollars given once during the year doesn't say "we are here for you, we believe in what you do." Also perhaps not everyone would want to give to a certain organization, they might feel strongly about giving to just one specific organization, but either way they should know ahead of time and have some say in where their money goes. This discussion will continue at the February meeting. We will plan to inform the parish through the E-Blast and the Bulletin of any proposed plans. The Community Outreach

Committee will meet and come to the February meeting with some concrete ideas/suggestions for going forward with this practice.

- *Annual Meeting Plans:* Rev. Reed Loy discussed the plans for the St. Andrew's Annual Meeting. What if our annual meeting looked more like our Vestry meetings. We take time to pray and reflect on scripture, thoughts or poems. Why not open this spiritual flow to the whole congregation? Instead of rows of chairs, we could sit around tables. The wine and bread could be at all tables. We could open the meeting with a song, call the meeting to order and have the Liturgy of the Word. We could have our meeting, then have Communion, join in the community meal and end with prayer. This is a real change from a business model to a more Christ centered experience. While change can be uncomfortable all felt it would be an opportunity to reflect our commitment to walking together, recognizing Jesus and practicing resurrection. We voiced our approval and look forward to this change.
- *2019 Annual Report:* The 2019 Annual Report was reviewed. The treasurer will update his report and change the 2020 Budget to reflect the accepted version. Delegates for office can be added by voice from the floor. There were a few minor spelling and word revisions suggested. Tom Burack moved to accept the 2019 Annual Report with the updated financial report, along with the changes and editorial revisions as noted. Pam Manus seconded this and it passed unanimously.

Upcoming special celebrations/events/dates:

- January 19, 2020 Annual Budget Informational Meeting - 9 a.m.
- January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting 9 a.m.
- Christian Formation February Sunday Series: Preparing for Resurrection: Faithful Dying". 9:00-9:50 a.m. each Sunday in February
- RenewalWorks continuation: will meet for it's 4th and final time, compiling their report, including recommendations to the Vestry and congregation.
- February 9, 2020 after 10 a.m. service presentation of final report with recommendation and suggestions to Vestry and Ministry Leaders.
- February 19, 202 Pot luck Vestry Meeting at Audrey Knight's home (as the newly-constituted 2020 Vestry.

- February 25, 2020 Friendly Kitchen (also combined Shrove Tuesday celebration Pancake Supper with First Church- some people will be late in coming)

Special Thanks: A special thank you was offered to the out going Vestry members. They have added so much to our growth, to our parish and to the community.

- Vickie Haines- thank you for your loving, caring spirit, thoughtful suggestions and diligent hard work on the many committees you supported and chaired. We appreciate all you give to St. Andrew's.
- Bert Cooper - thank you for your years of wearing many hats, but most of all for your never-ending work on making our finances readable and understandable. We so appreciate all you've done.
- Pat Walker - thank you for the many, many years served (at different times) on the Vestry and within our parish. Your sense of our history and willingness to share this special knowledge gave us perspective. We appreciate your wisdom and loving support.
- Henry Hirschfeld - a thank you - although you are away at college please know that your months of enthusiastic support, willingness to share insights, and your unbounded energy on our 2019 Vestry was much appreciated.
- Thank you cards will be sent to Judy Bucans, Debbie Monroe, Binney Wells and Pam Manus for their wonderful work on behalf of the parish through ministries as well as general support for St. Andrews.

Closing Prayer: Lucy Crichton, Vestry Chaplain, led us in our closing prayer and silent reflection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Manus, Clerk

January 15, 2020 Vestry Minutes Addendum

Consent Agenda

Family Promise Report for Vestry January 2020

Family Promise Report for January 2020 Vestry Meeting. Christmas week went very smoothly with the families (3) all enjoying welcoming hospitality from all the volunteers. We gave them a Christmas morning sleep in along with time to open presents that were beneath the Christmas tree, followed by a Christmas morning breakfast. A big thank you to all who made this week so special. We did use the SignUp Genius with a pre-populated look as people reported in to us early that they could and would be available for a host position. I'm not convinced that this will continue to work, but there were 4 new hosts and cooks so at least we are more open offering our parish/congregation chances to participate in this vital ministry.

See Proposed 2020 Budget as posted
Posted Treasurers Reports that are accepted for the file.