

St. Andrew's Special Vestry Meeting February 24 2021

Senior Warden Anne McCausland called the special meeting of the Vestry to order at 7 p.m. Those present were Rev. Reed Loy, Senior Warden Anne McCausland, Junior Warden Clarke Kidder, Treasurer Kerrie Diers, Chaplain Betty Whinn, Audrey Knight, Peter Daley, Lucy Crichton, Diane Les Becquets, Steve Largy, Judy White, Lisa Brown, Betsy Wilder and Clerk Pam Manus.

Rev. Reed Loy shared some news of interest about Family Promise. After the death of one of the parents in the Family Promise program, it seemed imperative that the lack of and inaccessibility of services that might have been life saving should be shared with the greater community, especially the NH Legislative body. Reed reported that after some talks with the staff of Family Promise of Greater Concord, they decided that a documentary about the families and their struggles would be more effective. It could highlight the inaccessibility of services, along with the day to day effort to keep the family(s) together, keep them positive and moving forward. After this decision, Reed offered to talk to John Gfroerer, a documentarian who is a parishioner at St. Andrew's. (Lisa Brown recused herself from any discussion due to family conflict of interest). John talked with Family Promise staff, gave them a reasonable quote to do the project and they accepted. Rev. Loy then wrote up a grant so that St. Andrew's Family Promise Ministry might secure money from the Mission Resources Committee of the Diocese to pay for this project. He shared the actual grant proposal. All were in support of this project and proposal.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Betty Whinn offered an opening prayer.

Loose Plate: Anne McCausland brought up the need for loose plate designated funds for the months of March and April. Discussion centered around local vs national groups. Supporting local food pantries around our areas was discussed, also Neighbor Helping Neighbor. We have in the past discussed developing a meaningful relationship with the recipients of our loose plate offerings. Now does not seem the time for that discussion. Another option would be to help the Concord Boys and Girls Club, who provide a much need safe environment for school age children. Lucy Crichton moved to give March and April loose plate money to the Concord

Boys and Girls Club. Peter Daley second the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parochial Report: The report was shared on the screen and with input from the Vestry, some corrections and some additions were made to the descriptive narrative sections. We were able to share our thoughts on our report, reflections on our accomplishments, our spiritual journey, our improved use of the internet, Zoom services and live streaming along with videos to keep us informed. The positive health of our parish was discussed. This report will go in the E-Blast for all to see. Audrey Knight moved to accept the Parochial Report as updated, Peter Daley seconded this and it was unanimously approved.

Capital Campaign: Rev. Loy shared the good news that Fred Briccetti has accepted the invitation to chair the Capital Campaign. He will talk with Bob Wilson soon and they will work together to welcome in the campaign cabinet. Reed has invited a group of parishioners to be a team tasked with taking the list of projects imagined by the Vestry, go over them, get input from other parishioners and bring back their thoughts to the Vestry. They might take 2 or 3 months. This team will bring some initial ideas back to the Vestry in March or April. Our job is to work on developing a finished product that Bob, Fred and their cabinet can work with.

Confirmation: Lucy Crichton reminded us that Confirmation will be on Easter in our church. The group is an exciting group full of ideas and reflections. Then Lucy Crichton thanked Diane Les Becquets for her moving live Epistle. Diane presentation was moving, vulnerable yet strong.

Seeds: Clarke Kidder reported that Margaret Dillon will have her audit done for presentation in April. Chris Wardell says all is on tract.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Betty Whinn closed this meeting with a prayer.

The motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Lucy Crichton and seconded by Peter Daly. With unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pam Manus, Clerk