

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Cape Elizabeth, Maine
Vestry Meeting Minutes--February 13, 2018

Attending: Rev. Tim Boggs, Sarah Choi, Liz Davy, Joan Hankinson, Katie Holicky, Doug Jones, Sara Merrill, Katie Payson, Maryann Sedlack, David Stankiewicz, Sheila Zimmerman
Not present: Beth Calloway

Sara Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Father Tim read two collects from the *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*.

We introduced ourselves and told of our connections to St. Alban's. Tim presented three books to new members.

The Vestry meeting minutes for January 9, 2018 were approved as amended.

Youth Education Report: Katie Holicky

Katie presented a comprehensive report on youth programming in four parts: Camp St. Alban's, Enrollment Data, Connect, and Rite 13.

The congregation was asked to complete a survey on our summer camp, but only 12 were completed. A revision of Camp St. Alban's is possible. We could change a part of it to a family camp, or even change the time it is held in the summer. 19 children attended camp last year, which is down from 30 the year before. This is a marked decline, but it echoes an overall decline in attendance in children's programming across the board. Volunteers are needed.

Katie is looking into a new curriculum for the 5th and 6th graders, who currently in Connect. This new program is called Club 56, and is used across denominations. The 7th and 8th graders, now Rite 13, have also been attending in declining numbers. Perhaps meetings could be moved to monthly ones on Friday evening.

There will be a middle school parent meeting on Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Warden's Report: Sara Merrill

Vestry Greeters

We will continue to greet at the 9:30 service, and use sign-up genius.

Bishop Discernment Process

We have had a parish-wide conversation in the e-news, and one conversation after a service, with about 15 people in attendance. A second conversation will be held in mid-March. The election will be in February 2019. Lisa Leighton will write up a report of the meeting already

held, and there is a survey going out. Rev. John Balicki is in charge of the discernment committee.

Organ

Our organ committee is tasked with discussing maintenance of the organ and what we should do with the instrument going forward. We must make sure to involve the parish in this discussion.

A motion was made to accept the bid of David Wallace and recommend we repair the organ at a cost of \$15,000. It was seconded and approved.

A second motion was made to start a conversation on the role of the organ regarding future repairs or replacement. This was also seconded and approved.

Vestry Retreat

In the past, the vestry has gone on one-day and two-day retreats. It is a great way to get to know each other, and learn about our thoughts and dreams for St. Alban's. It would be nice to have a set time from year to year for planning purposes. Sara will look into using Pineland or St. Mary's in Falmouth.

Rector's Report: Reverend Tim Boggs

Adult Offerings

Lent begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday; there are 3 services offered at 9 a.m., 7 p.m., and a children's service at 4 p.m. There will be regular Sunday worship throughout Lent, and bible study every Wednesday. Starting tomorrow, there will a short video offered in the e-news from monks in Cambridge. On Thursday, there will be a Civil Tea, led by the Maine Girls' Academy from 6:30-8 p.m., guiding us on talking to each other about different, sometimes difficult topics.

Newcomers

There will be a Newcomers' tea at the Rectory, possibly on March 11 at 4 p.m. We could also have a summer picnic, like a potluck with grills. Perhaps we could have fall dinners in parishioners' homes?

Buildings and Grounds

Scott Collins is our new chair.

Eventide

Peggy Williams will continue being our leader. She has done for three years.

Visiting Priest and Summer Intern

Tim discussed staff formation.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Jones

We are doing well. Doug added a current budget line to our Statement of Activity that he shares with us at each meeting. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. It was seconded and approved.

The finance committee is going ahead on the new software system, Realm, as the old program is no longer supported.

Thank You's

We will thank Eric Olsen for his hard work for so many years working at the parish breakfasts. Sarah C. will thank Grace Kimball for her constant work on so many things throughout the fall.

Closing Prayer: Sara Merrill

Sara read the prayer of Saint Francis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.