

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Cape Elizabeth, Maine
Vestry Meeting Minutes--January 9, 2018

Attending: Rev. Tim Boggs, Beth Calloway, Sarah Choi, Liz Davy, Frank Governali, Susan Hamilton, Joan Hankinson, Doug Jones, Andy LeBlanc, Katie Payson, David Stankiewicz
Not present: John Hartley

Lisa Newbold called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Father Tim read from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

The Vestry meeting minutes for December 12, 2017 were approved.

Warden's Report: Lisa Newbold

Vestry officers will be: Sara Merrill, warden, Lisa Newbold, junior warden, Frank Governali, stewardship, and Doug Jones, treasurer. We have all our delegates to the convention.

The Annual Meeting will be held January 28, 2018. Pictures and bios of candidates to the vestry and delegates will be posted. A list of potential candidates for the open position will be reviewed this week.

The Christmas Eve 4:00 P.M. service was very busy with over 400 people in attendance. Tim Queeney needed more ushers. In the future, if we don't have enough ushers, vestry will need to assist with traffic control.

Rector's Report: Reverend Tim Boggs

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

The three services on Christmas Eve were well attended. The 4:00 P.M. had over 400, the 6:00 P.M. had over 250, and the 10:00 P.M. had over 125 in attendance. Tim said the staff and volunteer collaboration and the high interest by all combined to make it the best season in his tenure. We had about 70 people helping out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Philip Hamilton served as vergier, and in doing so, handled lots of issues that allowed Tim to focus on being a priest. Katie Holicky led the Pageant for the first time. The 10:00 P.M. service consisted of an older crowd, as it has in years past, keeping its numbers stable from year to year. Perhaps this service might be more popular if offered at 9:00 P.M.? The Christmas Day service was small, about 12 people, who braved the snowstorm. The Celtic New Year's Eve service that was followed by a potluck/party.

Parking was difficult and dangerous between the 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. services. Perhaps we could move the Celtic service to 6:30 P.M. to alleviate this. Another idea was to hold a

toddler service at 3:00 P.M. for a half hour. We could also shorten the 4:00 P.M. service. It is a long for small children.

Other notes on the season: This year, we paid extra for additional plowing and sanding. Youth pilgrimage CLYNK bags were handed out as well as Haitian cookies.

Newcomers

How do we get newcomers involved? There will be a February gathering at the rectory, which is usually a traditional tea with no program. Vestry attend, and in the past have given reports on the parish. We might reinstate dinners at people's houses for a more intimate and worthwhile experience. These dinners could connect newcomers with "old timers."

New pledgers will get handwritten notes from Tim.

Shrove Tuesday

In the past, we have had a pancake supper/Mardi Gras kids and adult parties on Shrove Tuesday. Participation is dwindling. If we let this go, we could move the burning of the palms from Tuesday to the Sunday before. We have two services on Ash Wednesday. We could add a children's service in the afternoon, perhaps patterned on one at St. Mary's in Falmouth. We could have the 9:00 A.M. regular service, 4:00 P.M. children's service, and a 7:00 P.M. regular service.

Adult Education

The upcoming Thursday E-News will have the bible study dates. It is an exciting curriculum. Simultaneously, Sacred Stories will be offered, along with resuming the sermon talk-backs.

Haiti Trip

Rev. Tim Boggs, Bob Elliott, Debbie Fisher, Philip Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Chip Leighton, and Nancy Richardson will be traveling to Haiti in February, and will bring gifts from the parish.

Youth Group

The youth group is doing well, with a regular attendance of 15-20 kids. They are chiefly communicating by text, which allows them to plan and change plans easily.

Organ & Elevator Repairs

The committee to review the \$15,000 electronic repairs to the organ will be: Rev. Tim Boggs, Jerry Newberry, Lew Phillips, Jim Strand, Red Sullivan, and the organ repairman. We will need a fundraiser. Tim will have a meeting with the elevator repair technicians to evaluate if we can get the parts or if they need to be fabricated. A repair could be about \$10,000 while a new elevator could cost \$100,000. Our elevator is 20 years old.

Two Resolutions

A motion was approved and seconded to vote on the Annual Housing Allowance. It was approved.

A motion was approved and seconded to vote on amending the Human Resources Guide. The changes clarify how to compute vacation and time off for salary and hourly employees. It was also approved.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Jones

2017 pledge contributions were more than what was budgeted, meaning this was a positive year. In general, the expenses have been managed well.

We need to raise more money for the Clergy Discretionary Fund, and we will make a general appeal to the parish. Hannaford or CVS cards are an alternative to cash and are easy to hand out to those who ask for assistance.

Stewardship Report: Frank Governali

We have 183 pledges, which is similar to previous years. Our goal was 200. The total pledging goal was \$400,000. We have about \$380,000 pledged at this time. Our shortened stewardship season did not seem to make a difference monetarily.

Thank You's

Doug Jones will thank Peter Dixon and Priscilla Harrison for fixing the ice dam.

Lisa Newbold will thank Tim Queeney for his efforts getting the ushers at Christmas.

Liz Davy will write a note to Priscilla Harrison for her help with the Christmas decor.

Closing Prayer: Lisa Newbold

Lisa read the blessing "For Equilibrium," from *To Bless the Space Between Us*, by John O'Donohue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.