

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Cape Elizabeth, Maine  
Vestry Meeting Minutes--May 8, 2018

Attending: Bill Bell, Rev. Tim Boggs, Beth Calloway, Sarah Choi, Liz Davy, Joan Hankinson, Doug Jones, Peg Keyser, Sara Merrill, Lisa Newbold, Katie Payson, Maryann Sedlack, David Stankiewicz

Not present: Sheila Zimmerman

Sara Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M., and Tim read a prayer.

Fundraiser: Peg Keyser

Peg presented an idea to make a calendar from pictures of the back stained glass apostle windows in church. We have research on all the windows previously done by Ben Thompson. Preferably, we would make 200. If we made 100 we would break even. Xpress Copy would give us a non-profit discount. We would pay for the printing up front. Throughout the year, we could give the calendars to newcomers. Beth suggested that youth could read the highlight for each apostle in church, and could even ask a trivia question.

Warden's Report: Sara Merrill

*Fundraiser:* Every year, the Vestry is tasked with raising \$3000-\$5000 for the church. We could make another cookbook, but might be too much if done at same time as calendar, We will talk more about this.

*Vestry Greeters:* Sara will send Sarah the link for people to sign up. Ideally, we will have one person each week, and flexible in July and August.

*Review of Retreat:* Everyone knows each other better, and it shows through our smiles and laughs tonight. Fred was a good

chaplain and guide for us. He said that the Vestry should be able to describe St. Albans in 30 seconds or less. (It's a community, meet people on their spiritual path, sacred space for worship, where we aspire to better know God, place open for all, place to seek better understanding of God, place where children of all ages experience God). Tim read the definition of catechism on p. 854 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Fred asked us: what does the Vestry do? (We should empower people, we should listen, we are sponges). We should pray daily for the Church and be accessible. We spoke of what do when we the Vestry hear complaints. (Be a listener, share the teller's anxiety, and ask How can I help you? Have them take ownership of the problem.)

*Retreat for next year:* Tim will look into the weekend of February 8/9 at St. John the Evangelists in West Newbury, Massachusetts.

*Family Promise:* Tabled until next meeting

*Organ Repair:* Of the \$15,000 repair, we have \$6,500. There is a plan in place.

*Enriching our Worship:* This was a wonderful, lively group of 50-60 people. Workshop of about 20 people met, and was led by Chris Pizzulo and Tim. There will be three small groups which will meet individually and together, and they will be focused on 1. Worship music and instruments, 2. Kids music and formation, and 3. Pipe organ and allocation of space. There will be six weeks of meetings, and by the end, each group will have recommendations.

Reminder: Holly will be ordained to the Diaconate June 9, and then ordained to the Priesthood in January 2019.

We discussed bequests, and the May 2018 minutes were amended and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report: Doug Jones

Doug spoke of the continuation of the siding project in Buildings and Grounds. Gordon Gayer of the Endowment Committee will come to next month's meeting.

#### Rector's Report: Reverend Tim Boggs

Tim will send us an email to which we should respond. He made a request that \$11,000 go into B & G; the motion was made and seconded. This summer, he will freshen up the 3 worship services. (9:30 service will be shorter with homilies, etc.) Holly will be starting June 1, and the seminarian will be starting May 21. They will lead an adult formation class. In the fall, Mary Cushman will launch Sacred Stories and will prepare for it in the summer. Katie was granted a postulate interview.

#### Thank You's

Lisa will thank the endowment committee who have handled our movie so well.

Katie will thank Jim Strand for being part of enrichment.

David will thank Peter Durgin for taking in the seminarian.

#### Closing Prayer: Doug Jones

Doug read a prayer to close our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M