

**St. Matthew's Church
Vestry Meeting
October 20, 2015**

The meeting began in the Chapel with a discussion of this week's Gospel.

Attending: Rev. Kevin Lloyd; James Breakell, Senior Warden; Bob Bauer, Junior Warden; John Flinton, Treasurer; Karen Murray; Sally Schott; Jason Black; Laura Clarke; Amy Smith; George Cadwalader. Unable to attend: Peter Elsworth

Old Business

September minutes were approved with no changes.

Rector 's Report

Kevin distributed a draft brochure developed for 2016 Stewardship Pledge Campaign - Drawing from the Well. It is prepared to be sent out this week, with a collection date of November 15th.

Kevin also met several times with Father Ron Brassard, new priest at St. Mark's. They are currently meeting weekly for lunch.

Convention is November 7th and 8th, at St. Paul's, Pawtucket. Peter Elsworth and Karen Murray are delegates from St. Matt's. Jim Breakell and Laura Clarke are alternates.

Senior Warden's Report: Jim met with John Flinton and Martin Hellewell on October 14th to discuss "Funding for the Future", strategies for Planned Giving . Kevin, Jim, and Music Director Sherry Newman traveled to Foxboro to play a digital organ, with very favorable results. Jim also received a copy of the 2014 Audit to review prior to meeting with HP Bunaes on October 26.

Junior Warden's Report: Bob is awaiting a quote for concrete repair to all entrances to the church.

Treasurer's Report: John Flinton gave a visual demonstration of the effect of the current stock market and Capital Campaign shortfall is having on the financial status of St. Matthew's.

Other business: Liaison update was given for the Thrift Shop, and members brainstormed ways to merchandise the new St. Matt's shirts.

Organ Discussion: In discussions with S. Newman, Supply Organist Diana Noton-Jackson, and Wardens, consensus was that the current organ would be best replaced with a digital organ. This would also open up the Narthex and allow for expansion of the choir loft. Maintenance would be minimal. The bottom line presented is \$65,000 for temporary upgrading of the current organ plus a minimum of \$1000/year maintenance vs a digital organ for \$41,900 delivered, installed and including 4 months of lesson support. Financing arrangements will be explored before it is presented to the congregation.

Next meeting - Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Motion to adjourn by Jim Breakell at 8:30pm. Seconded and approved. Respectfully submitted, Laura Clarke