

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, JAMESTOWN

VESTRY MINUTES

May 19, 2015

In attendance Father Kevin, Jim Breakell - Sr. Warden, Bob Bauer – Jr. Warden,

Peter Elsworth - Clerk, Jason Black, George Cadwalader, Laura Clarke, Karen Murray, Amy Smith.

Absent, John Flinton, Sally Schott

Father Kevin led a bible study based on Romans 8: 22-27

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with two corrections: A donation of \$8,600 was reduced to \$800, not \$600; and four Newport Bridgefest concerts were scheduled, not two.

RECTOR'S REPORT – Father Kevin Lloyd

Father Kevin said there would be one service at 10 am on June 14 when Bishop Knisely would be visiting for confirmation and reception. He said the bishop would meet with the vestry at 8:30 a.m.

He said the confirmation and inquirer classes had been going very well and that he had met one-on-one with all the candidates. However, he noted his concern that confirmation was often regarded as a graduation rather than a commencement and that young adults and their families often ceased attending church once the process was complete.

Kevin noted the Parochial Report had been sent to the Diocese and urged all vestry members to read it.

Regarding the Summer Fair, Kevin said no one had stepped up to replace Gale Bay as coordinator but all captains from last year had said they would work on it this year and that the vestry could oversee the fair.

A number of ideas were thrown out, including a bouncy castle for the children and the return of the beloved Tiki Hut. It was decided to have a separate meeting dedicated to the fair.

It was decided to list the church with the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce with some concern about commercialization noted. However, it was argued it would be good for the Thrift Shop.

Kevin said a memorial service for Teddy Leyon would be held at 11 am on June 27.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jim Breakell

Jim reported from a meeting of the Newport Deanery on May 6. He said it was good to get to meet vestry members from other parishes although noted the overall meeting was “dry as lint.”

He said he had met with Kevin and Bob and Sherry regarding the organ. He said Sherry said she could work with the organ but it is only working at 60 percent of capacity.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Bob Bauer

Bob reported he and Jim had drafted a bid letter for fixing the organ and three bids were expected.

Other business

Jason said he was continuing his promotional work, with a focus on the summer fair.

Amy said the Parish committee was planning a major cleaning of the kitchen, with new labels being attached.

George said there had been a positive feedback to the idea of shirts with the St Matthews' / Episcopal logo, with a price of \$24 for a polo shirt. He said we could order any number we wanted.

Laura said she and Jim would be representing the church at the Rotary Fair at Fort Getty on Saturday.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Vestry meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elsworth, Clerk