

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, JAMESTOWN

VESTRY MINUTES

Jan. 20, 2015

In attendance: Kevin Lloyd - Rector, Ron Black - Sr. Warden, Bob Bauer – Jr. Warden, John Flinton – Treasurer, Peter Elsworth - Clerk, Jason Black, Laura Clark, Tracy Correll, Sally Schott, Amy Smith

Absent: John Williamson

Father Kevin led a bible study based on Psalm 62:6-14.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT – Kevin Lloyd

Kevin said preparation for the annual meeting was moving ahead with reports coming in.

He said there were two nominees for the Vestry – Karen Murray and Ed Wing – with a possible third in the wings.

He said Jim Breakell had agreed to serve as senior warden, noting he had already served as junior warden.

Kevin said Lent Study was just around the corner, and said the study group would be using a program of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. It was noted that Good Friday this year would fall on April 4.

Kevin also noted a request for parishioners to up their pledges, adding that he and Julia had upped their family's to 17 percent of income. He said the Diocese gives 19 percent of its income to the national church.

At the same time, he said the 2015 budget recommended lower apportionments, with the Diocese giving 15 percent to the national church and the individual churches giving 15 percent to the Diocese.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Ron Black

With his extended term coming to an end, Ron said how much he had appreciated working with Kevin for a number of years as Junior and Senior Warden, and thanked the Vestry for their trust in him and involvement in the church.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Bob Bauer

Bob reported the church properties were in very good condition. He cited recently completed work on the sump pump in the Rectory, the circulator pump in the church boiler, the LED lights being added to various fixtures in the church. He also noted the hardware on the doors in the Thrift Shop would be upgraded in the near future with a limited number of keys being distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Flinton

John reported the remaining \$14,000 of the \$20,000 loan from the Diocese would be fully repaid by December 2015.

Regarding the year to date profit and loss statement, John reported a deficit of \$4,000 which he compared to the previous year's deficit of \$20,000.

He said fuel oil was a big item on the budget, but expected some relief from lower oil prices. John also noted the church needed to address the issue of employee pensions as the law required.

Regarding the 2012-2015 Capital Campaign, he said received pledges now totaled \$176,350 compared to \$222,180 pledged with to date expenses totaling \$205,711.

Meanwhile, he said the endowment stood at \$663,648, with \$6,600 in available cash.

He said the 2015 budget was up about \$5,000 over 2014, noting one big increase – an anticipated \$45,000 from the Thrift Shop compared with \$41,000 last year.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Kevin ended the meeting by thanking Ron Black for his service, especially for serving an extra year as Senior Warden.

He also thanked departing Vestry members Tracy Correll and John Williamson for their years of dedicated service. Tracy noted the confirmation classes were going well.

Finally, Kevin reminded everyone of Jackie Kirby's ordination on Thursday, Jan. 22 at St. George's School Chapel.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 (later amended to Tuesday, Feb. 24).

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elsworth, Clerk