

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, JAMESTOWN  
VESTRY MINUTES  
Dec. 16, 2014

*In attendance* Father Kevin, Ron Black - Sr. Warden, Bob Bauer – Jr. Warden, John Flinton – Treasurer, Peter Elsworth - Clerk, Jason Black, Laura Clark, Sally Schott, Amy Smith, John Williamson.

*Absent* Tracy Correll

Father Kevin led a bible study based on Luke 1:26-38 (the Annunciation)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The secretary apologized to the Vestry for the absence of the minutes from the November meeting due to the notes being mislaid.

There followed a short discussion of the meeting based on memory, with particular note made of Mary Jawor handing off day-to-day management of the Altar Guild at the end of the year. It was agreed that she would continue to serve as director emeritus with two possible co-directors serving on a rotational basis.

**RECTOR'S REPORT – Father Kevin Lloyd**

Father Kevin reported a confirmation class of 11 young men and women committed to the confirmation process, with three meetings already undertaken.

He said the mentees had met with their mentors at a lunch the previous Sunday and that organizers Tracy Correll and Janet LaMantia were very pleased with the sessions so far.

He added that Bishop Knisely had confirmed June 14 for the confirmation service at St. Matthews. He also said that two adults might participate, one to be confirmed and one to be received into the church.

Father Kevin said the Advent study group was underway, but added that Sunday evenings might not be the best time. He said there had been some good discussions, but the number of participants had been limited.

He said Jackie Kirby's ordination had been confirmed for Thursday, Jan. 22, at 5:45 pm at the chapel at St George's School and hoped that many members of the congregation would attend.

Father Kevin said with the end of Tracy Correll and John Williamson's terms as Vestry members coming up, the church needed two nominees, plus a new senior warden to replace Ron Black

who had already served beyond his term. He asked for possible nominees and said the new officers would be presented at the annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – John Flinton**

John noted the stock market had fallen recently resulting in the endowment being worth \$642,000 compared to \$650,000 last month. But he noted that taking into account the \$30,000 taken out for church expenses and the \$11,000 taken out to cover rectory expenses, the endowment was about back to where it was at the beginning of the year.

He said the Christmas shop had brought in \$1,467 and that the Thrift Shop was continuing to go “gangbusters,” and was over-budget.

Indeed, he said the budget was \$11,000 ahead, largely due to the thrift shop and the summer and winter sales.

John also noted the church had taken advantage of the recent rapid drop in oil prices, and had refilled the tank for \$3.05 a gallon.

At the same time, he noted the recent request by National Grid to raise its prices by 24 percent, with any increase becoming effective January 1.

John also noted there was only \$4,000 in the capital campaign account which was being used to pay off the \$20,000 loan from the Diocese at \$1,200 a month.

### **JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Bob Bauer**

Bob initiated discussion regarding continuing theft from the Thrift Shop, including the cash box and a few items from the store, and the question of replacing locks and / or adding deadbolts on the doors. It was agreed that Bob should look into ordering and having new locks installed.

Bob also noted that he had received an estimate for replacing the lights over the choir loft with LED ones, which would be more expensive but which provided brighter light and the bulbs last longer. He said five of the eight lights were currently out. He said he had received an estimate of \$2,000 from Chris Electric of Newport for replacing the fixtures with new ones.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, with the annual meeting scheduled following the service on Sunday, Feb. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elsworth, Clerk