

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, JAMESTOWN

VESTRY MINUTES

May 20, 2014

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

Absent: John Flinton - Treasurer

Father Kevin led a bible study based on John 14: 15-21.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 29 meeting were approved with the amendment that a discussed change to the 8 a.m. service was the addition of music.

Rector's Report – Fr. Kevin Lloyd

Father Kevin said the Bishop's convention had discussed the state's six Deaneries which he said have not been active in recent years. He said Jamestown currently belonged to Narragansett Deanery. But it was noted that politically it should belong to the Aquidneck Deanery which had offered an invitation to join them.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the invitation from the Aquidneck Deanery and seek the approval of the Diocesan Council. If successful, members of the church had been invited to attend the evening service on Ascension Day (May 29) at Emmanuel Church, Newport. The Diocesan Council subsequently approved the move and some vestry members attended the served at Emmanuel Church.

Father Kevin also said he was contemplating whether or not to involve the church in the Renewal Works survey of parishioners reported by Jim Breakell. He said there were strengths and weakness in the measure of the spiritual life of the parishioners, but it was "not a silver bullet." He also expressed concern about the need to put together a team after the survey to organize workshops.

He said if the vestry was to take a retreat, it would now be in the fall. And he said the Parochial Report would be submitted to the Diocese this week.

Warden Reports

Senior warden Ron said he had no report. However, there was some discussion of the sales tax paid by the thrift shop, which totaled \$667 as of April, and the issue of locks following the recent robbery at the store. Given that there was still no sense of how the money was stolen, discussion centered on changing all the locks or just the ones for the thrift store, plus getting a safe in which to keep the money overnight. No immediate decision was made, but assurance given the problem would be investigated regarding price and resolved.

Junior warden Bob Bauer reported the lights in the church parking lot had been replaced. He also reported on the need for a higher capacity pump than previously estimated in the basement of the Rectory and the installation of a generator.

Bob, also reported that a boiler circulator pump needed to be replaced in the church boiler and estimates were being sought.

Financial Report

Given John Flinton's absence, there was no financial report.

Other Items

There was some discussion about the need for the Sunday school teachers to have access to some funds for a couple of skits planned for June 22, the final day of Sunday School. A motion of \$50 was made, seconded and approved.

There was discussion of ways to recognize the work being done by the volunteers in the thrift shop, with pictures and IDs being included in Father Kevin's News and Notes along with a Thank You.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday June 17, later changed to June 25 because of a conflict on the 17th with the school's band performance.

Peter Elsworth, Clerk