

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024

In Attendance: Jack Chaney, Emily Hack, Dani Hamm, Pat Kent, Scott Slocum, Bob Van Fleet, Greg Walter, Carole Wollard, Rev. Sharon Voelker

Attending via Zoom: Tami Newton, Judy Rowcliffe

Greg Walter offered an opening prayer, and Rev. Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Before the business portion of the meeting, Rev. Sharon asked everyone in attendance to say something positive.

There were no updates to the agenda.

Minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Pat Kent moved to accept the minutes, Bob Van Fleet seconded. The motion carried.

Interim Priest Report: Rev. Sharon submitted a written report. There were no comments or questions.

-Sharon wants to get the older children involved in church this summer as crucifer and holding the book during the reading of the Gospel. She is also trying to get more people involved. Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Eucharistic Visitor training will be scheduled soon. Sharon also plans to have another church formation class in the fall.

-Bishop Bonnie Perry will visit St. Andrew's on Sunday, September 15. There will be confirmation, reaffirmation, and reception into the church on that day.

-Sharon and Greg have created a Building Use Agreement which covers the church building and the pavilion. It was reviewed, some modifications will be made, and the revised document will be voted on by the Vestry online prior to the May meeting.

-A Gun Buyback Event will be held in the pavilion on Saturday, October 5th. People who bring guns to the event will receive gift cards. The guns will be destroyed. A town hall meeting will be held at St. David's in Southfield (or on Zoom) on Monday, May 6th for anyone who volunteers for the event.

-Sharon suggests that St. Andrew's sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. Jack will contact the Boy Scout District office to see if a troop is looking for a place to hold their meetings, which are normally once a month. An advantage of sponsoring a troop is getting families to become familiar with our church, as well as having volunteers to help us with projects. A Scout is required to do fundraising for their Eagle project as well as providing the manpower. One of the possible projects is a labyrinth (prayerful maze) where the rectory was. Carole Wollard made a motion to proceed with sponsoring a troop, and Dani Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Judy reported that our income was \$12,662 in March, while our expenses were \$17,488. A few of our larger expenses were building insurance at \$3,592 (we got credit for raising our deductible), \$1,620 for snow removal and \$952 for elevator maintenance and inspection. The church

phone is over the budgeted amount and the copier fee was up (Emily will set the default to black and white. Bob moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Dani seconded. The motion passed.

Senior Warden: Jack went over the results of the Vestry exercise from the March meeting. The majority of the Vestry members are interested in pavilion use, grounds improvement, creating a welcoming outdoor space, and developing a new church directory. All of the Vestry noted that we need volunteers and money to accomplish our goals.

-Parking Lot Replacement: We have three quotes for the parking lot. All of them remove the existing asphalt and go down the driveway toward the garage. After reviewing the estimates, ASI looked to be the best company. They will include striping. Their bid came in at \$127,000. Dani moved that we apply for a grant from the Diocese to help pay for the parking lot. Jack seconded. The motion passed. Greg is working on a grant application to help with costs. We will ask Bob Van Fleet's daughter to look at the application, as grant writing is her job.

Carole Wollard moved to go forward with having ASI replace the parking lot, with the money coming from the Aleta Morris gift. Bob Van Fleet seconded. The motion passed.

Junior Warden Greg Walter: The carpet cleaner did an excellent job. The carpet hadn't been professionally cleaned in several years. If we use him again next year, it would be less expensive. It was suggested that we replace the mats at the entrances every month. Greg got estimates from Cintas which would be \$80 a month and North Star (a local company) for \$60 a month. Bob moved to use North Star at \$60 a month for 8 months; Pat seconded. The motion passed. Money will come from Capital Funds.

-Shed Demolition and Replacement: Greg has spoken with Waterford Township representatives about their requirements before we can remove the garage. This concerns erosion control, which must be done before the Township will approve the demolition. Greg also has acquired two bids for new sheds. He will get another bid and apply for a grant from the Diocese. Demolition was approved earlier via email, but the pad and shed replacement require more information before we can proceed, the items were tabled.

Playscape: There was some discussion of playscape and surface materials; since there wasn't enough information at this time, the subject was tabled.

Interior Signage: Proposed signage indicating Hunt Hall, Offices and Church School locations was considered. Emily Hack has offered to do the signs.

Short discussion about addressing alcohol use within the building for events (members only). Jack will investigate guidelines from the diocese and establish a committee for discussion and oversight.

Rev. Sharon offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Next meeting will be on May 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Joelle Chaney