

Vestry Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The meeting of the Andover Community Church Vestry was opened with prayer by Jeri BaCote.

Those in attendance is as follows: Father Bill Blomquist, Jeri BaCote, Alice Grover, Beth Bellows, Donna Thompson, Jane Walker, Jef DeMarie, Larry Rees, and Linda McGrail.

The minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting was read by Beth Bellows. Motion to accept the minutes was submitted by Jef DeMarie, seconded by Donna Thompson. Approved as submitted.

The Junior Warden Report was read and submitted by Larry Rees.  
On 4-1-23 Repair to cable in front of the Preschool was repaired by the Utility Company.

On 4-4-23 Tactical Pest Services called, mice were found in the Grange Hall, none were found in the Church building.

On April 26, Jane Walker mentioned donating the snowblower to the Preschool, they would be responsible to shovel a path to the shed, Donna Thompson stated that Bruce would work on repairing the snowblower.

There was discussion among the Vestry Members concerning future goals and repairs needed to the buildings and grounds. Larry Rees discussed ideas for future fund raising and the ideas for a dinner fund raiser.

The Annual Church clean up day is scheduled for April 29th. Individuals should bring rakes, bags, leaf blowers and push brooms.

Books from the upper prayer room should be moved to the Grange Hall to make room for Altar Guild supplies.

Second Tier Goals is as follows: tree trimming, play ground post repair. Linda states that it is the responsibility of the Preschool for any repairs to the playground and fencing. There is a need to build covering for both Church and Grange Hall propane tanks. The black metal railing in front of the Church steps are in need of sanding and painting. And the Belfry mold needs to be addressed and repaired.

Third Tier Goals (5 year plan ?): Paint Exterior of Church and Grange Hall. Church foundation. There is discussion concerning fund raising Grange Hall. Jef DeMarie suggested that we contact our State Representatives for help with our concerns about the Church foundation. Donna Thompson has a previous estimate of \$ 21,000 for foundation work.

There was discussion by the Vestry members concerning the Preschool:  
The small garden was approved. And the two cameras approved.  
The Preschool is planning a fundraiser in May. It was stated that Ryan should have a lease agreement to the Vestry and the Preschool Board by May 15, 2023. Legal counsel for the Church should review the lease prior any approval. Teachers Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 8th, 2023. The preschool has 14 children enrolled for the summer program and 12 children enrolled for the fall program at this date. Donna Thompson stated that she is awaiting for three estimates for the preschool chimney and roof repairs. And also the three estimates for the floor of the Grange Hall.

Linda McGrail requested prayers for her grandson, Eli who is going to Dartmouth Hospital for testing.

The Treasury Report was submitted and read by Donna Thompson. She also stated that there two donations to the Church. First, \$ 1005.00 donated by Christian Repair. And \$ 223.00 donation from the Wagner family yard sale. Jef DeMarie requested information concerning the saving we are receiving: “ What savings is the Church receiving by switching from oil to propane ?”

#### Rectors Report by Father Bill Blomquist

The Holy Week was a huge success and all agreed that the Maundy Service was beautiful and very emotional. The readers did a wonderful job of reading the scriptures. The music was amazing and Bruce did a great job. The new banners add to the beauty of our Church.

Father spoke about the Lennon healing services, and everyone who attended felt the Lords presence and during prayers Linda McGrail knee was healed by the Lord.

Father Bill also informed the Vestry that Deacon Nancy will not be continuing the ordination process at this time. Larry Rees felt that this was unacceptable. Jeff DeMarie explained the Discernment committee's role and the commitment to prayer and hearing from the Lord during this process.

Father Bill Blomquist shared his schedule from his calendar and is as follows:

Tuesdays: He will be meeting with Elizabeth and Raul for pre-marriage counseling until mid-June.

Wednesday: Franklin Outreach

Thursday: Mens breakfast, Music rehearsal, Meeting with Christian (pastoral)

On April 29th, He will attend Clergy Day in Worcester

May 13th is Franklin Community Day and Conflict Resolution Seminar with Bishop Trevor Walters at the Cathedral in Amesbury, Massachusetts

May 18th to the 21st: Spiritual Direction Retreat. Deacon Nancy will preach and Rev. Cinnamon will be Celebrant with Jeri BaCote heading up the Music Ministry

Future Adult class to be offered is “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality” by Pete Scazzero lead Pastor at New Life Fellowship Church in New York City. He will be working with Deacon Kathy and Rev. Cinnamon on offering this 8 week course. The Streaming video, book, workbook and devotional is available at a cost of \$33.99

New members class will begin May 27,2023

Pentecost is May 28th, 2023

And Father Bill would like to schedule a breakfast with the Vestry before Summer begins.

New Business: Alice Grover discussed the concerns she has for the space used in the Upper Room for Godly Play, as it grows the space would not be large enough. Also there is need for Alter Guild supplies. After much discussion, it was decided to table the matter at this time until FatherBill, Jeri BaCote, Alice Grover and Rita Rees could meet for more discussion.

At this time, Father Bill excused himself from the meeting and Jef DeMarie passed out the Evaluation on Father Bill Blomquist. It was recommended that the Vestry take it home read it and contact Jef DeMarie with any questions or concerns.

Meeting closed with prayer by Jeri BaCote

Respectfully submitted by Beth Bellows