

Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 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, Jane Walker, Linda McGrail, and Donna Thompson. Absent from the meeting was Jef DeMarie, and Larry Rees.

The minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting was read by Beth Bellows. Motion to accept the minutes was submitted by Alice Grover, seconded by Donna Thompson. Approved as submitted.

The Senior Warden Report was read and discussed by Jeri BaCote. She felt that the time spent in Amesbury was very informative and she was blessed in the time there. Jeri has submitted copies of the handout that she received to the Dropbox to share with all Vestry members.

The Junior Warden report was submitted and read by Donna Thompson in Larry Rees absence. New keys and doors were repaired. Keys were handed out to all Vestry members present. Father Bill and Donna Thompson will be in possession of the master keys. Donna stated that she will give a key to Normand Poliquin so that he he can enter the buildings to access the work to be done and give an estimate for the sanding of the Grange Hall floor and the painting of the Church doors. Donna Thompson stated that she has secured him to do work at the Grange Hall. Electric work on the Grange Hall and flood lights was performed by Daniel Milligrew. Acre has been secured for mowing in front of the Grange Hall and road side at half price. They will mow the playground area on Fridays. The playground area must be picked up prior mowing. There was discussion and concern that by the Bylaws, we should have three estimates for all work done on Church properties.

Donna Thompson requested approval from the Vestry that she would be able to start the Yard Sales beginning the last Saturday of May 27th through October 28th. Approved by the Vestry. Donna as stated that if there is enough clothing for children, she would like to do Neighbors Helping Neighbors on November 4th, 2023.

Preschool Lease and Report has not been addressed by the Vestry members. At the previous Board meeting of East Andover Preschool the following was discussed. Jeri BaCote, Preschool representative, stated that Ryan Page, from the Preschool Board would submit to the Vestry a Lease Agreement. There was discussion concerning this would be a conflict of interest and any Lease Agreement should be reviewed by legal counsel to protect the best interest of Church body. Ross Kimball could be considered to review prior approval.

The Preschool is also interested in adding a garden outside the fenced area. Linda McGrail Stated that they were given extra area for this purpose in the past. There is concern that leaves little or no area for Church functions. There was discussion that they could put a 24 " Wide and the length and next to the existing fence which is between the fence and the Pastors office stated by Father Bill.

A flyer should be handed out to each child and family inviting them to the Church Easter egg hunt. The Preschool has advised the Vestry their concern about the shingles on the roof of the preschool. Linda McGrail suggested that Stephen Barton should be contacted for an estimate.

The Preschool would like to use the Church snowblower. There is questions concerning would this be a liability if the person was injured.

The Church will sponsor the up and coming 5k race. There will be T-shirts with the names on the back of sponsors. This will be the mission of the month with a cost of \$ 75.00. The Preschool will plan to have a summer program, at the present time they have 13 younger children for the summer program. And 9 children signed up for the Fall program. They have also hired two new teachers.

Rectors Report by Father Bill Blomquist, he shared information concerning the Junior Warden, Larry Rees absence. He has recommended that the Vestry reread the Farm Living handbook from the Vestry Retreat. How important it is for our visitors and congregation know the fruit of the spirit, showing the love of Christ.

Father Bill went over the Holy Week schedule: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday with 2 Foot washing stations and the stripping of the Alter, and plans for Resurrection Sunday. A large postcard size flyer with times of Sunrise service, Community Breakfast, Easter egg hunt and Service will be printed and distributed in the Community and in the Church. Easter flowers for the cross to be ordered by Alice Grover. Donations of Lilies maybe obtained by those wishing to honor their loved ones.

Music team rehearsal is scheduled for April 1, 2023. Cheryl Polson is now playing the drums. The Worship team now has two on piano and two on the drums, as each is needed.

The Church will have a Farewell potluck dinner on March 25th, for Pastor John and Amy Wagner & Family.

Father Bill Blomquist advises the Vestry that both Cinnamon and Bill will be away April 14 to the 18th. A supply person to be secured by Father Bill.

The Encounter weekend is scheduled for April 20 through 22, 2023 to be held at the Cathedral in Amesbury.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on April 25th. Father Bill Blomquist evaluation will be shared with the Vestry at the next meeting by Jef DeMarie.

The Mission/Outreach report by Linda McGrail is as follows: the Chairperson of the Andover Softball Program (Jill) was contacted by Donna Thompson. We will have a banner made 2x3 ft. Approved. This banner can be obtained at Staples or Cutting Edge Grafton in Northfield.

May 13th is the scheduled date for Franklin Community Day. Linda McGrail is looking for prayer volunteers. Mothers Day is May 14th we give out flowers to the ladies. The July 4th committee is looking for volunteers.

Father Bill is considering a membership class for new attendees. Jef DeMarie will then prepare for a 5-6 week confirmation class, that would end in time for Bishop Andrews visit on the weekend after Labor Day, September 10th 2023.

Respectfully submitted by
Beth Bellows
March 21, 2023

