

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
September 22, 2013

Present: Mother Barbara, Deacon Betsy, Cindy Elliott, Penny Goldstein, David Luo, Jennifer Morehouse, Mike Rhodes, Jan Rose, Andy Smeltz, Tom Stouffer

Excused: Ford Brooks, Kristina Faber, Linda Hoffman, Vic Karcher, Mike Stitt, Marcia Warren

Opening Prayer led by Cindy Elliott

Gathering Exercise – Barbara asked the vestry to reflect upon the statement, “God doesn’t ask us to do extraordinary things. God asks us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.”

Tom Stouffer noted that we had not started the meeting with a discussion about poverty as we had the past several meetings. He indicated that this was an important discussion to continue.

Approval of August Minutes

Andy Smeltz asked for Vestry to pass a Resolution to update the signers on St. Andrew's accounts at Orrstown Bank. The signers on all accounts would be Cindy Elliott, Harold Herman, Andy Smeltz, Tim Hawkins, Lisa Warren, Cindy Lou Franke. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The vestry also resolved to give Sue Davis all of the old sacristy cabinets except for one.

Lively discussion of this year's Stewardship/ Annual Giving campaign. An integral part of the campaign would be vestry members intentionally meeting with parishioners to talk about life at St. Andrew's. The goals would be for vestry members to get know parishioners better and to talk about St. Andrew's ministries: find out what parishioners love about St. Andrew's, what our challenges are/ what we could do better, in what areas parishioners would like to see the parish grow, and for vestry members to share their experience of life at St. Andrew's. Pledging and money would only be discussed if the parishioner raised those issues.

Mother Barbara and Jan Rose had an outline of the campaign and talking points prepared for the vestry meeting.

There was significant anxiety among vestry members in regards to the visits. At this point, Mother Barbara is considering how to change the campaign to accommodate the vestry members' concerns.

Closing Prayer led by Cindy Elliott