St. James Episcopal Church

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Vestry Minutes

January 2018

Present: Denise Cabana, Don Gardner, Dan Aramini, Cheryl Turner, Ralph Urban

Rod Neaville, Bob Duggar, Bea Farlekas, Mitch Chester, Janet Donston

Absent: Mary Jo Logan, Susan Wright

**Dwelling in the Word:** Roman’s 12:3-13

**Checking In:**

1. Wednesday Adult Learning Sessions – Steady attendance 10-12 each week
2. Fifth Sunday Breakfast - will move to monthly as the “ Fourth Sunday of the Month Breakfast”

**Learning Session**: Learning Session: The Agile Church – Deferred

**Information:**

1. Staffing Update – Progress report and announcement that Matt Cornish has accepted a position in Maine and will be leaving St. James February 1
2. Carol’s Closet – Discussion regarding membership to the group
3. New Vestry Orientation - Saturday February 3, 2018 9AM – 12 Noon
4. Vestry Slate – Recognition and thanks to Dan Aramini, Don Gardner and Ralph Urban for

 their service on Vestry. Three open Vestry positions for 2018, along with Junior and Senior

 Warden. The new slate of officers is almost finalized, waiting to hear from two potential

 new members. One candidate has requested that the monthly Vestry meetings move to

 another day during the week, Wednesdays.

**Discussion**:

1. Annual Meeting preparation and plans for Matt’s Good-bye
2. Long term replacement of the roof will require a “Capital Campaign.”

**Decision Items:**

1. The Vestry Minutes from December were approved.
2. Housing Allowance Approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Treasurer Report including the 2018 Budget reviewed – see attached.

A motion was made to approve the budget, with second, followed by a unanimous approval.

The Vestry’s approval includes the Finance Committee’s recommendation to include the funds from two events in 2018 to close the deficit. A portion of Art N’ Abby and funds from one additional fund raiser, maybe a “Christmas Tea” to support Christian Education. Approval includes vacancy of the Christian Education Director until summer 2018.

Old Business:

No Discussion

After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

**Next Vestry Meeting: February 28, 2018**