

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of St. David's Episcopal Church
October 20, 2009

Members Present: John Barclay, Nancy Burns, Clay Carsner, Amy Case, Judith Cayton, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Jennifer Gerber, Carole Gebhard, Barbara Grove, Pam O'Conner, Timothy Parker, Paul Skeith and Peter Techmanski

Absent Members: Kristin Runkle

Others Present: The Rev. David Boyd, Rector; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Beth Magill, Roxanne Ruggles, Mike Gerber and Mitch Tollet, Seminarian.

Opening prayer – David Boyd.

David Boyd presented the issue of approving Beth Magill for ordination, moved and approved.

Mary Elliott, Senior Warden, gave a prayer in recognition of the Rev. David Boyd's 25th ordination anniversary.

Topic of the Day –

Strategic Planning - Amy Case gave an update and asked the Vestry to give thought to additional people that should be contacted during this phase of the process.

Amos Guild – Paul Skeith said they are reporting back to the vestry on progress in their process, and Timothy Parker and Mike Gerber reported that through the interviews and meetings on how people are dealing with the economic picture today they have determined that there are four areas of concern: health care is expensive, jobs, visibility in schools, and public housing (see attachment “Christ for the World...”)

Barbara Grove elaborated on the “Amos Guild Social Services Guide” (as attached) and some action items.

Paul closed with comments on actions taken including attending City Council meetings regarding the race routes. Terry Nathan announced at this time that the marathon route for next year leaves 5th and 6th street open so people can get to church on Sundays.

Standing Committee Reports –

Executive Committee – Mary Elliott presented a resolution establishing a nominating

Committee of vestry members, retiring and not eligible to run again, to help solicit members to run for vestry and Diocesan Council representative in January. Approved

Finance Committee – Ann Marie Ellis presented and explained the Finance Committee Report, attached. Approved as amended by Terry Nathan adjusting the bookshop figure to \$10,000.

Stewardship Committee - Clay Carsner reported that we have 635 pledges to date and 130 of these are new pledges. He stated that we are striving to reach a goal of 55-60% of the households at St. David's making an annual giving pledge.

David Boyd reported that the thank you parties for the top 100 pledgers have been successful. He shared some statistics with them and us: 60 percent of our members are under 45 years of age; 25 percent are under the age of 25. In these gatherings he discussed the Matching Fund Program, the statement the Vestry passed regarding tithing, and that we can't operate on the same budget next year and meet the needs of our congregations.

Clay closed his report by stating that we have received 36 pledges for \$317,000 from this group and that 18 increased their pledge and 33 contributed to the Matching Fund Program.

Ministry Team Reports/Updates – attached.

Rector's report –

David commented that the small groups have become a real ministry. There will be Evensong and baptisms at the service on All Saints, November 1.

Parish Administrator's Report

Terry Nathan reported that the Next to New money projects in the sanctuary are winding down, the fire alarm is still an issue and roof repairs are scheduled.

Parish Entities Update

Terry Nathan reports the bookshop is a challenge but in the last 4-5 weeks things are improving. We will have new hours, closing at 3pm to save money during a time of fewer customers and sales.

Hospitality is facing challenges in that the economy is struggling and cutbacks in meals and programs.

The Garage is a factor of the unemployment issue, parking lots around us have lowered their prices and we have had to do the same, and the Baptist Church is opening a competitive garage

David reported the Day School appreciates the safety measures provided in the surface lot.

David reported that the Foundation is involved in changing the name of Ned Morrow's "Acorn" fund.

Next to New – Pam O'Conner reported that they are doing well and making money.

Trinity Center – Jack Nokes is the interim director and the search for a new executive director is progressing and they hope to have the position filled by January 15. A transition committee has been appointed to develop a job description and hope for new personnel by the end of January

Warm Heart – they are planning a pilgrimage to Malawi next year and their fundraising in the brisket business went well.

Diocesan and National Church – nominations to vacant positions are being solicited.

Beth Magill may be ordained in Virginia on December 6.

Terry Nathan announced that flu shots and a blood drive will take place Sunday.

Frank stated that pledge income is in line with last year but enterprise money is down.

Minutes of the September 22, 2009 Vestry meeting were approved.

Vestry Meeting concluded with prayers.

Sincerely Submitted,

Pam O'Conner, Clerk