

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

APPROVED

December 15, 2009

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

Members absent: Clay Carsner, Kristin Runkle, Tim Parker.

Others present: David Boyd, Rector; Ken Malcolm, Associate Rector; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Roxanne Ruggles, Stewardship.

David Boyd opened the meeting with scripture and reflection.

Ann Marie Ellis presented the preliminary Finance Committee recommendations on the budget to the Vestry (attached). During the discussion Ken Malcolm responded to questions regarding church development directors and their role in church business.

Committee Reports: Roxanne gave the pledge statistics and a chart that is attached. Roxanne thanked all who made phone calls for pledges. She also said that a letter will be sent after the first of the year to anyone we have not heard from with a pledge.

Strategic Planning: Amy Case presented a report (attached) and asked for any comments, corrections, etc. to be sent to her.

Senior Warden Report: Mary Elliott said she would ask for an update on the ministry reports that will be needed for the annual report.

Rector's Report: David announced that the Vestry Retreat is planned for February 5 and 6, 2010. It would begin around five on Friday evening through 3pm Saturday afternoon in Kingsland.

Roxanne has interviewed for a job at St. James in South Carolina and will meet with their bishop on December 16 and most likely will get this call.

Parish Administrator's Report: Terry Nathan stated that the budget process is in progress. We have had productive meetings but more to follow. He has had excellent input from the Finance Committee. We had a deficit month in November and we hope December will be better because we need to balance the budget. Terry said that budget recommendations will come to the Vestry for final action at a later date.

Parish Entities Update:

Garage – Frank Baldwin stated that we are \$120,000 short in profit for the year.

Foundation- Mary reported that they have their quarterly meeting tomorrow and that the numbers are getting better.

Pam O'Conner reported that Next to New is making money and sharing it with the church.

David reported that the Day School is doing well.

Trinity Center – David reported that they received a grant from Greenlights that helped in hiring a new director. The new director is Irit Umani who will join us in January. Trinity has received a \$50,000 grant, raised \$16,000 at a recent event, and received \$10,000 from Next to New outreach grants (letter attached).

Warmheart International- Bishop Tengtenga is coming to Austin. We are receiving solar cell phone chargers for Malawi.

Mary Elliott encouraged everyone to solicit nominations for the vestry election.

New Business: David presented the 2010 Housing Resolution from clergy that is required by IRS (attached) for approval. Motion by Pam O'Conner, seconded by Mary Elliott, approved.

David asked for approval to appoint a discernment committee for Pam Jones to enter the diaconate. Motion by Pam O'Conner, seconded by Paul Skeith, approved.

Diocesan/National Church: David announced that Beth Magill was ordained and that Ken and Beth Malcolm were her sponsors and representatives from St. David's. David also stated that Judith Jones was thriving in Pflugerville. Also Bishop Payne has a parallel group to the church meeting. Bishop Dena Harrison will join us for Christmas Eve.

Financial Reports: Frank Baldwin reported that overall contributions are holding but other income did not meet projections while expenditures continue. The BookShop had a good month but Hospitality was down \$600.

Minutes of the November 24 Vestry meeting were approved and the meeting concluded with parish prayers.

Submitted by,

Pam O'Conner, Clerk