

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

November 24, 2009

APPROVED

Members present: John Barclay, Clay Carsner, Amy Case, Judith Cayton, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Tim Parker, Pam O'Conner, Barbara Grove, Peter Techmanski and Paul Skeith.

Members absent: Carole Gebhard, Kristin Runkle, Nancy Burns, Jennifer Gerber

Others present: David Boyd, Rector; Ron Smith, Associate Priest; Ken Malcolm, Associate Priest; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Roxanne Ruggles, Stewardship; Mary Vano, Associate Priest; and Mitch Tollett, Seminarian.

David Boyd opened the meeting with scripture and reflection.

Mary Elliott called the meeting to order and gave a prayer.

Amy Case passed out the Study Plan Timeline (attached) on strategic planning and elaborated on it. Amy illustrated how she sees this process working. Pam O'Conner suggested adding another block to the timeline for a semi-annual or annual review.

Ken Malcolm reported on the Bethell Service. He reported that Kelly Puckett will not be leading the music any more and that they had had a nice send off for him in appreciation for all he has done. The current plans for Bethell music is that Ken will lead it for Advent and Christmas 1 and 2. He stated that hopes are we will have a new music leader in place in January. He reported that we could get a music leader for one service for about \$800 and for two services for \$1200 a month. The Bethell music is traditional and contemporary and will remain the same for now. Ken requested any feedback or questions be done by email.

Committee Reports: Roxanne gave the pledge statistics as attached. Clay Carsner that we are below the number of pledges from the same time last year but anticipates we will be ahead by the end of the year. He said that we had already passed the matched funds for new pledges. Roxanne said that postcards had been mailed last week. She passed a signup sheet for the phone-a-thon for pledge calls.

Finance: Ann Marie Ellis discussed the annual budget and income benchmarks as calculated (attached). This information will be used to balance the expense side of the budget.

Ministry Team Reports/Updates: As attached

Barbara Grove commented on the Environmental Guild.

John Barclay commented on the Archives and said the land had been purchased but that it would be a slow process that we would continue to monitor.

Peter Techmanski commented on communication numbers (attached) and evangelism.

Judith Cayton reported the challenge for next year is pastoral care through the journey groups and training for more personal contact.

David reported that Pam Jones is doing good work with the Jobs Groups.

Paul Skeith reported that the Amos Guild really needs to work on looking at the long-term job issues, more interaction with public schools, and dues for Austin Interfaith next year.

Tim Parker said we, St. David's, need to highlight where we are, settle on a philosophy for the historic sanctuary and move forward. This is a major challenge.

Terry Nathan said that Edens and Crail projects are stalled until some funds become available. He announced that there is a new congregation in Grace Chapel at 1:00PM on Sundays, Spirit without Measure International Ministry. They use Trinity for Bible study on Tuesday evenings.

Rector's Report: David said that he was in favor of a second service in Bethell. David announced that Ken and his wife are going to Beth's ordination as representatives for St. David's. There will be a reception for Beth after the 11:15am service on December 13th.

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.

David announced that Finance will meet on January 10, Executive Committee on January 12, Vestry on January 19 and the Annual Meeting will be on January 24th. There will be services on Christmas Eve at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7:30pm, 8pm and 10:30pm.

David mentioned that it had been requested that leadership be announced early this year so that we can continue to go forward. He stated that they can be named now but not approved at this time. He also announced the change in status for Ron Smith, Mary Vano, and Ken Malcolm (as attached).

Parish Entities Update:

Pam O'Conner gave a report on the state of the Next to New and a report on the bookshop (attached).

Frank Baldwin stated that the revenues of the garage were better last month.

David reported that the Day School is doing well and raised over \$1000 with their bake sale for day care.

Trinity Center is hoping to have a new director by the end of January.

David announced that he had two appointments for Trustees of the Eckhardt Series that need to be approved. They are Ed Sharpe and Robin Cooper. Motion made, seconded, passed.

New Business:

Amy discussed committee members for the Strategic Planning Committee. She will bring names for approval in December.

David presented names for approval for a BookShop Committee for approval: Pam O'Conner, chair; Jennifer Gerber, Vestry; Judith Cayton, Vestry; Tim Parker, Vestry; Jennifer Tynan, staff; Martha Angel, parishioner; and Ray Trono. He also presented names for the Hospitality Committee: Nancy Burns, chair; PeterTechmanski, Vestry; Lisa Kay Pfannenstiel, staff; Ray Trono, staff; Carl Inskeep, parishioner; Donnie Hungerford, parishioner; and Peter Rauch, parishioner.

Diocesan/National Church: Diocesan Council is in Killeen February 12 and 13, 2010.

Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Vestry meeting were approved and the meeting concluded with parish prayers.

Submitted by,

Pam O'Conner, Clerk