

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

October 19, 2010 at 6:30pm

Regular Monthly Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order by the Senior Warden on October 19, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Pam O'Conner, Barbara Grove, John Barclay, Carole Gebhard, Anthony Chapple, Timothy Parker, Clay Carsner, Terry Heller, Kristin Runkle, Jennifer Gerber, Amy Case, and Paul Skeith

Others Present: David Boyd, Rector, Mary Vano, Associate Rector, Frank Baldwin, Treasurer

The Rector led us in prayer.

The Rector reported on the discernment process for Pam Jones and Clint Chaffin.

***Anthony Chapple moved to recommend that Pam Jones be approved to move forward in the discernment process for the diaconate. The motion passed.***

***Kristin Runkle moved to recommend that Clint Chaffin be approved to move forward in the discernment process for the priesthood. The motion passed.***

The Rector led us in a discussion of stewardship. He said that St. David's average pledge is \$2000 less than 10 comparable parishes in our diocese.

Clay Carsner reported from the Stewardship Committee. He reported on plans for the October 31<sup>st</sup> Stewardship kickoff event, the "Good Steward Ship." He also reported regarding plans for a pledge phone-a-thon in December.

Carole Gebhard reported from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee proposed the following resolutions:

***Resolved that: the 2010 budget be amended to apply the savings realized from refinancing the church's debt as follow: 1/3 of the savings be applied to repay money borrowed from the designated funds and 1/3 of the savings be added to the church's campus reserve. It is anticipated that the designated funds will be repaid in 30 months. The resolution passed.***

***Resolved that: The Parish Administrator be authorized to hire a facilities manager and that the 2010 budget be amended to increase the budget item for this position by \$5000 through the end of this year. The motion passed.***

***Resolved that: the budget be amended to increase the budget item for software and IT support by \$3000 to update the church's software and IT needs. The resolution failed.***

The members discussed the possibility of increasing the budget item for staff health insurance to maintain non-clergy staff's health insurance benefits.

***Kristin Runkle moved that the 2010 budget be amended to increase the budget item for non-clergy health insurance by \$12,311. The motion failed.***

***John Barclay moved that the issue of whether to increase the budget for health insurance for 2010 be discussed at the December Vestry meeting. The motion passed.***

Carole Gebhard reported from the finance committee regarding the Diocesan Ask for 2011. Amy Case recused herself from the discussion.

***Resolved that St. David's commit to pay \$3000 in response to the Diocesan Missionary Ask for 2011, that such payment be directed to the National Church, and that the payment be made in January. The motion passed.***

Terry Nathan reported from the property committee regarding plans for repainting in the church and plans for creating a new entrance for the bookstore.

Amy Case reported from the Strategic Planning Committee regarding a suggested strategy for working with the Communications Director to publish the goals to the parish. The Rector reported that he will work with the Wardens and the Communications Director to publish the goals.

Terry Nathan gave the Parish Administrator's report. He reported on the finances and changes the bookstore. He also reported regarding a fact-finding trip to a parish in Dallas. He also reported on the improved revenue from the garage.

Jennifer Gerber reported from the Day School. The school is fully enrolled and the accreditation process is going well. The teachers went to the regional Episcopal Schools conference in October.

John Barclay reported from the Foundation that the investments continue to do better.

Terry Heller reported from Next-To-New. She said that Richard Woods has resigned as manager of Next-To-New and that the Next-To-New board is in the process of a search for a replacement.

The Senior Warden reported about the Vestry volunteer day at the Trinity Center.

The Rector reported from Warm Heart and recommended that the vestry approve Terry Nathan as a Warm Heart board member.

*The Vestry approved Terry Nathan to serve as a board member of Warm Heart by unanimous consent.*

*The Vestry approved by unanimous consent the formation of a discernment committee for Jeremiah Griffin to help discern his call to the priesthood.*

*Timothy Parker moved to adopt the attached Resolution Concerning Bullying, Sexual Orientation, and the Parish as a Sacred and Safe Place for All God's Children. The motion passed.*

The Treasurer gave the financial report. He called particular attention to the fact that revenues are lower than budgeted for the year. He also does not expect any more "additional pledges" for 2010 because the 2011 pledge drive has begun. He also discussed the improved cash position of the hospitality ministry.

*Clay Carsner moved to adopt the September 28, 2010 minutes. The motion passed.*

*Barbara Grove moved to approve the attached Stewardship Statement of St. David's Vestry. The Motion Passed.*

The Members entered into prayer for their needs and for the needs of the parish communicated to them through phone calls to parishioners.

The Senior Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by,

Paul Skeith, Clerk