

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of
St. David's Episcopal Church
April 28, 2009

APPROVED

Members Present: John Barclay, Clay Carsner, Amy Case, Judith Cayton, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Donald Hungerford, Pam O'Conner, Kristin Runkle, and Paul Skeith

Members Absent: Jennifer Gerber, Barbara Grove, Timothy Parker, and Carole Gebhard

Others Present: David Boyd, Rector; Ron Smith, Associate Priest; Ken Malcolm, Associate Priest; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer

Opening scripture and reflection – David Boyd.

Senior Warden Mary Elliott called the meeting to order and gave a vestry prayer from the Wardens and Vestry Conference.

Susan Goodman gave the staff presentation on the Children's Programs. Susan thanked the vestry for replenishing her budget. She explained the programs as printed on the attachment and said that the Sunday School program for the older children is better with the rotation model and that is what they are going to use this fall. There are 7 Sunday school classes with 16-18 teachers each Sunday (64-72 teachers participate over the year). Children's Chapel meets each week with a team of 8 adults that rotate.

Susan said Vacation Bible School is for ages 3-11 years from 9am-12:30pm and they have 100 registered. Susan's goal for a Children's Ministry Team to be formed by September to help with planning, scheduling and logistics, which is 90% of her job.

Topic of the Day was the Amos Guild small group meetings with the different ministries of St. David's. Paul Skeith stated that they usually like to meet with 10-12 and they ask for about 30 minutes of the planned meeting time to visit. They initially begin the discussion asking a pertinent question like, "How is this economic downturn affecting your area?" They then record the impacting issues and eventually bring a master list back to the parish. The vestry then did a pilot and were asked to elaborate on what their issues were and how they relate to your family. The next step is that the

guild would meet with the individual to engage in some direction. They have had several meetings and have five more scheduled with the anticipation of completing their initial meetings by the middle of June.

Standing Committee Reports:

Mary announced that there was nothing new from the Executive Committee.

Clay Carsner presented the Stewardship Committee's Report as attached with comments. The Rev. David Boyd commented that we are keeping in touch with people and that pledge changes, both increases and decreases, are coming in.

Ann Marie Ellis, chair of the Finance Committee stated that there was no report but noted that we began the year with a negative carry forward because of the Workmen's Comp. Insurance.

Amy Case gave the Strategic Planning Committee Report as attached.

Ministry Team Reports/Updates

The reports as submitted are attached.

The Bookshop Report was given by Judith Cayton with comments from staff that give their interpretation of their mission. John Barclay asked how their financial status was in comparison with last year and Frank Baldwin said that gross sales are up but profit is not because of some large expenditures. Judith Cayton asked that we approve the mission statement, Paul Skeith so moved, seconded by Amy Case, approved.

Rector's report

On July 12th Pat Hazel will have been ordained 50 years ago. St. David's is planning a recognition celebration. A motion was made by Kristin Runkle to collect a purse for Pat, seconded by Ann Marie Ellis, approved.

The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) continues to meet and plan for their meeting here next year.

The issue of a new service that was brought up during the Vestry Retreat is going to be the topic of a meeting tomorrow to see what is needed or anticipated before we make any decisions.

There are great plans for our companion Diocese of Malawi and Bishop Tengtenga's group visit from May 12-June 1. Bishop Tengtenga will be doing some preaching here and will present a talk on May 19th about the Anglican Communion.

Janet and Jim Sawyer have done a wonderful job with the Forum and have already scheduled speakers through next year.

We are in touch with Beth Magill who will join us next fall as Youth Minister.

John Barclay and David have met to plan for staying in touch with parishioners when their children have grown up and moved on.

When asked what about the swine flu and communion, David stated, that there are no plans to discontinue communion at this time but we will continue to monitor the situation and take extra precautions to wash hands at the altar.

Parish Administrator's Report

Terry Nathan reported that the National Archives has funded the property across the street and the final closing will be in the next couple of weeks.

Staff will identify enterprises that we want to further explore.

The Historic Preservation/Restoration Committee has decided that we cannot do everything now so we should go ahead with short term restoration with things like getting the lighting out of the attic, bringing the fire alarm system up to code, and some painting among other issues. These priorities will come through the Property Committee to the Vestry.

The Environmental Guild has an LED Developer who wants a project and it has been suggested that lighting the church could be that project. We have offered and will wait to hear.

They are working on the bookshop and branding issues. Hospitality is going strong.

Parish Entities Update

Terry Nathan reports that the garage continues to do well. We have offered to manage the parking property next door, as well as, the Baptist garage.

The Day School is already full for next school year. We are working on drafting a contract for terms on the current lease.

Clay Carsner commented that there are serious parking problems with the Day School and if any one has any suggestions they would like us to let them know.

The Foundation meets in the next two weeks.

Pam O'Conner reported that Next to New is making money and has some to share with the church.

David reported that Trinity Center is alive and active. They have a good strong board and have an Americorps volunteer. Women to Women said goodbye to one of their faithful volunteers Bette Allen.

The Rector asked for a Vestry letter of support for Janet Zimmerman's ordination to the diaconate, which is scheduled for June 20th. Pam O'Conner moved that the Vestry so approve Ms. Zimmerman; Donnie Hungerford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The letter of support was prepared and signed.

The Rector asked the Vestry to empower him to form a discernment committee for Christina Mendoza. Amy Case will serve on this committee. Pam O'Conner so moved; Donnie Hungerford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business: Clay Carsner moved to approve the resolution concerning the Downtown Cluster of Congregations, seconded by Kristin Runkle, approved.

Diocesan and National Church – David announced that the Right Rev. Bishop Doyle was here for two events.

Janet Zimmerman has been assigned to All Saints and will be ordained in June.

Financial Reports – Frank Baldwin reported that he is encouraged on the income side of the reports and that we are holding our own even though we started with a shortfall. The Hospitality and Church Budgets will have to be adjusted to compensate for the Workers Insurance charges.

Minutes of the March 24th Vestry Meeting will be approved in May.

Vestry Meeting concluded with prayers.

Sincerely Submitted,

Pam O’Conner, Clerk