

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of
St. David's Episcopal Church
July 23, 2009

APPROVED

Members Present: John Barclay, Amy Case, Judith Cayton, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Pam O'Conner, Timothy Parker, Kristin Runkle, Carole Gebhard, Peter Techmanski, Jennifer Gerber and Paul Skeith

Members Absent: Clay Carsner, Barbara Grove

Others Present: the Rev. David Boyd, Rector; the Rev. Ron Smith, Associate Priest; the Rev. Mary Vano, Assistant Priest; the Rev. Beth Magill, Associate Priest; Nancy Parish, Accountant; Roxanne Ruggles, Director of Stewardship; and Amy Moehnke, Coordinator of Young Adults Ministries.

Opening— David Boyd with prayers for Terry Nathan and wife Karen and Alison..

Staff Presentation Amy Moehnke gave the staff presentation on Young Adult Ministry at St. David's, see attachments. The program is for young adults to connect with St. David's as a whole, This month they are concentrating on "Transfiguration on Tap" with the Eucharist. Under development is a strategy for college age persons.

Rebecca gave a presentation on small group ministry (attachment) and explained the groups, their intention, and the purpose of each level. She also said that a ministry team has been formed to set vision, structure, and progress. She also handed out a list of Journey Groups for the summer (attached).

Topic of the Day was strategic planning and stories of St. David's from Vestry members led by Amy Case.

Standing Committee Reports:

Stewardship update: Roxanne reported that we now have 614 pledges for 2009 for a total of \$1,553,000. We raised \$13,000 for the children's choir and another fundraiser is planned for August 28th in hopes to raise \$10,000 for outreach.

Stewardship Committee report (attached). Clay Carsner reported that the stewardship committee at its meeting authorized the Rector and some committee members to seek funds for Edens Gym.

Finance Committee – Ann Marie Ellis presented committee recommendations which were passed unanimously by the Vestry. The Committee recommends unanimously the following actions to more nearly balance the Church budget: (1) increase the transfer from reserves by \$14,000, bringing the total draw from reserves

to \$24,000 for the year, and the Committee reaffirms the target for a balance in the campus reserve of \$180,000; (2) transfer \$14,000 from the Youth Designated Funds to help defray the cost of the new Youth Director; (3) withhold \$20,000 from the Missionary Commitment portion of our pledge to the Diocese of Texas and prorate the \$20,000 over the next 6 months, doing so with the understanding that if our finances improve substantially, we will fulfill our pledge in full.

Ministry Team Reports/Update

Property Committee – Peter reported that he had been in contact with the plant consultant and gave the information to the Property Committee about the areas for plants. The committee is also reviewing a LED light project. Peter stated that the curtain behind the altar has been ordered and is due in August.

Mary Elliott, Sr. Warden, thanked Judith Cayton for agreeing to serve as vestry liaison to the Small Groups Ministry.

Archives – John Barclay said it is a very slow process given the economic climate.

Children’s Ministry – they are beginning a “new ministry team” and are involved in recruiting new teachers.

Mission/Outreach – Kristin reported that they are developing a different approach

Pastoral Care – Ron reported at there id a meeting Wednesdays and Sundays for job issues.

Amos Guild – Paul Skeith reported that they have had 26 meetings and will probably have 32 in total and then a report for the vestry.

Senior Warden’s Report – Mary Elliott reported that the clergy conference is at the same time as our October vestry meeting and could it be moved to the 20th, approved.

Mary announced that note cards are available for anyone who wants to write notes to people on their call lists.

The Rev. David Boyd discussed the panhandling ordinance that is being discussed by City Council and that the Downtown Cluster has asked member churches for their position and to write a letter of support. Paul Skeith recommended that we not write a letter and that we ask the Downtown Cluster to not write a letter either.

David discussed a letter of support for Eric Hungerford, one of our seminarians. Pam O’Conner moved that the vestry sign a resolution of support, Peter seconded, approved.

Mary Elliott said that when Trinity Center asked the vestry to serve one Sunday that she and her daughter went and were extremely moved. She said that if one has the opportunity to do this it would be very worthwhile.

David Boyd thanked Mary Elliott for the new tie-dyed chasuble.

Rector's report

David commented on the St. David's Hospital Board, of which he is a member, and some of the things they are doing.

The CEEP Conference planning is coming along.

Donald Hungerford has resigned from the vestry effective immediately for more time with his mother. We need to consider a new member, give names to Mary.

David announced two letters for vestry: one for the Georgetown group that have provided 5000 lunches and one for Mattie Fancher's 104th birthday.

David announced the Billie Holiday function was wonderful and that the proceeds go to the music endowment fund and an organization for health care for musicians.

The Eckhardt series will be moved from its traditional Fall weekend spot to one in the Spring, just before Lent, so as to allow us to place more emphasis on it outside of the crowded fall calendar, with the thought that Louise Eckhardt would approve.

The Rev. Mary Vano spoke about evangelism and that to engage more they are starting some groups and would like vestry participation. The book they are using is "Unbinding the Gospel." All were invited and encouraged to participate.

Parish Administrator's Report

In absence of Terry Nathan, David Boyd reported that for the safety of the school children a median is going to be constructed on the surface parking lot. Ann Marie motioned, Pam seconded, approved to support this for school safety pending affirmation that it is not permanent.

The garage continues to do well.

The Day School is already full for next school year.

The Foundation reports markets are improving.

Next to New is making money and Peter Techmanski will give a report on this entity next month.

Trinity – Executive Director Mary Ryclick expressed the desire to step out of the Executive Director role but will stay on in a different role. The staff is working with Greenlight to provide transition help.

A resolution was passed regarding the Rev. Beth Magill's housing allowance. Pam O'Conner moved, Mary Elliott seconded, approved.

Diocesan and National Church – Janet Zimmerman is going to All Saints. The General Convention made no major canonical changes. Bishop Doyle called a meeting of the clergy of the Diocese and discussed the convention.

Financial Reports – Nancy Parish reported on finances. Carole Gebhard commented that pledges are holding up but the plate seems to be down.

Minutes of May 26, 2009 Vestry Meeting were approved. There was no meeting in June 2009.

Vestry Meeting concluded with prayers.

Sincerely Submitted,

Pam O'Conner, Clerk