

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of
St. David's Episcopal Church
March 24, 2009

APPROVED

Members Present: John Barclay, Clay Carsner, Amy Case, Judith Cayton, Deborah Delgado, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Jennifer Gerber, Barbara Grove, Donald Hungerford, Pam O'Conner, Timothy Parker, Kristin Runkle, Paul Skeith

Members Absent: Peter Techmanski

Others Present: David Boyd, Rector; Mary Vano, Associate Priest; 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 gave some vestry prayers from the Wardens and Vestry Conference. The Vestry then approved a resolution from the Executive Committee to appoint Pam O'Connor as Clerk.

The Rev. Mary Vano gave the staff presentation on newcomers and the Evangelism Committee from attached materials, including flowcharts of contacts with newcomers. Mary emphasized how important the first contact was. The Senior Warden commended the Evangelism Committee's work and asked if we should inform the congregation about how our welcome is planned.

Amy Case advised that she had emailed a proposal (4-part phase) for the Strategic Plan. She asked that the Vestry approve the Strategic Planning Committee Continuation Resolution (see attached). This resolution was passed unanimously. Amy then announced that she and Mary Keenan would meet with Rebecca Hall to form a study group.

After discussions, the Vestry voted on candidates for the vacancy caused by Deborah Delgado's resignation. The Senior Warden was to approach the person with the most votes and ask him/her to serve.

Kristin Runkle will head the Mission/Outreach Ministry team and will meet with Chad. Jennifer Gerber will work with Susan Goodman, Ken, Amy M,

and the new Youth Director for Youth and Young Adults Ministries. The Rector and Senior Warden will meet to discuss a new worship service and follow up with the Vestry.

Clay Carsner presented the Stewardship Committee's report, a copy of which is attached. Not much has changed since last month. The Stewardship Committee's mission statement was reaffirmed. Stewardship is a 12-month process at St. David's.

Ann Marie Ellis, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the following motions from the Finance Committee (see attached for more detail):

- For the Vestry to fund a new Youth Director
- For the Vestry to approve repair of the roof to be funded by Next to New funds
- For the Vestry to approve a reserve fund for fiscal year 2010.

All above motions passed unanimously. It was noted that a reserve fund would be prudent given the condition of the economy and the fact that the parish cannot expect an extraordinary gift from the Day School in 2010 (as was received this year). The Finance Committee suggested that a reserve account be developed from: 1) excess funds for staff or clergy due to resignations or retirements, 2) lower replacement salaries for new staff or clergy, 3) pledges in addition to those planned.

The Bookshop Committee reported that it needs direction from the Vestry as to what its primary goal should be: Christian formation, making money, gift shop, or window to identity of parish? What kind of bookstore? Seminary bookstore (scholarly works) or gift shop (cute or fun items)? It was noted that the Archives could impact the business and identity of our parish store. Paul reported that the first meeting of the Amos Guild would be the following evening and that there had been conversations with the Rector as to what the Guild will become. The Guild will consider the Just Faith Curriculum for the fall, supporting the Peace Fellowship and working with Austin Interfaith. After Easter until mid-June, the Guild plans to tell congregation who we are and what we hope to do. Ron Smith said that he would start a 5-week small job to help those who have lost their jobs with pastoral care and guidance. When Pam asked David if he would send out a letter, David responded that he has plans for a quarterly letter from the church leadership on items of interest.

The Rector reported on the Conference for the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) that just met in New Orleans. St. David's was well-represented and sought out as a fountain of information. The CEEP Board, of which Malcolm is treasurer and David is a member, will, meet later in the week. Tom Gebhard will take the lead as coordinator of the annual CEEP conference that will next year meet in Austin. The Rector further reported that

- ✦ Lenten small groups were doing well
- ✦ 17 persons went on the Youth Ski Trip and all returned safely
- ✦ Young Adult Ministry retreat at the seminary was co-hosted by the seminary
- ✦ First Sunday lunch for Young Adults after 11:15 service is well aft ended
- ✦ Betty Chesbro's funeral would be at 11am on Saturday
- ✦ Tom Gebhard went to Malawi with Bishop Harrison (on his own funds). The Bishop committed Diocesan financial support to Bishop Tengatenga's ministries

Parish Administrator's Report

- ✦ South by Southwest was very successful. Barbara Groves did a great job organizing hospitality for SXSW. Still counting money from SXSW.
- ✦ Accounting — Working diligently to resolve accounting process; no financial statements this month
- ✦ While we need to put off capital campaign because of economy and thus delay restoration of the historic sanctuary, we will need to do housekeeping, such as repairing roof, painting cupola, painting doors
- ✦ New copier; Looking Ahead will produced in-house due to volunteer who has pledged talent—look for new design for Looking Ahead
- ✦ Sextons were eager to help with SXSW—painted halls to get ready for SXSW

Parish Entities Update:

- Terry reported that the garage continues to do well. Did at least 10% better than last year at SXSW
- The Day School is already full for next school year.
- The Rector's corrected resolution for the Foundation, which was emailed to Vestry members, stating that, "***The Vestry resolves to accept the recommendation from the Directors of St David's to distribute, in 2009, only from the Foundation Funds needed for debt service,***" was passed unanimously.

- Next to New needs a new truck. NTN has five new volunteers and a new volunteer coordinator: Jane Calhoun.
- Warm Heart International is planning for the May visit of Bishop Tengtenga, a classmate of Bishop Harrison, and Mrs. Tengtenga. Eric Hungerford and Steven Kidd received grants to visit Malawi.
- Trinity Center very active, as there is increased need for its services.

The Rector announced that Deacon Victoria Mason will leave St. David's to serve (at the Bishop's request) in multicultural ministry. April 19th will be her last Sunday. Pat Hazel's 50th anniversary of ordination will be on July 12th; there will be a celebration. The Archives Committee asked St. David's to go to Maine to the National Executive Committee meeting to support the closing of the deal on the land.

There will be a parish town hall meeting on April 15th when Bishop Andy Doyle visits St. David's. Bishop Doyle will also speak at the Forum. Partial Financial statements were discussed. It was noted that the Designated Funds were in the red. Once the Ski Trip participants return, the numbers should improve. John Barclay noted that the Vestry needs current financial information in this challenging economy. We need to know where we are. Terry agreed.

Minutes of the February 24th Vestry Meeting were approved.

Executive session

Closing prayer