

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
May 26, 2009

APPROVED

Members Present: John Barclay, Clay Carsner, Amy Case, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Donald Hungerford, Pam O'Conner, Timothy Parker, Carole Gebhard. Peter Techmanski. Barbara Grove. Jennifer Gerber and Paul Skeith

Members Absent: Judith Cayton, Kristin Runkle

Others Present: David Boyd, Rector; Chad Vaughan, Associate Priest; Ken Malcolm, Associate Priest; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Rebecca Hall, Coordinator of Small Groups; Molly Sharpe, Foundation member.

Opening reading – David Boyd and vestry.

The Rev. David Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed Carole Gebhard as a new member of the vestry.

The Rev. Chad Vaughn was recognized out of order under **New Business** to present the Grants Committee recommendations (attached). Approved by the vestry for distribution in September.

**Staff Presentation** Rebecca Hall gave the staff presentation on the Small Group Ministry. Rebecca announced that St. David's had received a grant of \$3500 in coordination with Deep Conversions for small group curriculum.

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 as reviewed by Amy Case. She reviewed that there will be a journey group in the fall working on strategic planning. At Amy's request Mary Elliott read from Psalm 78. Amy stated that strategic planning looks at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Amy said that we will use different methods to accomplish this for the parish.

Amy told a story of St. David's years ago and a discussion followed that addressed, what we were called to be, who were our neighbors, and the differences with the result that we stayed together. The result is that we don't always know

what is right or what is wrong but we need to love. The bottom line is whose principles are we defending Christ's or ours.

Amy requested that we return to vestry meeting next month with our favorite stories of St. David's.

Peter asked about the strategic planning and Amy said that the journey group will become a committee learning ways to ask and asking people to formulate where we are and where we are going and how to get there.

Molly Sharp under **Parish Entity Updates** gave an update on the Foundation (attached). Molly announced that the second Foundation Sunday will be June 28 to increase awareness of the Foundation and that there will be a gathering of past and current leaders of the church on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Molly stated that the Foundation financial reports are available for review. Next year a summary report of the Foundation's annual report will be provided to the vestry. Pam O'Conner asked and Molly stated that the Foundation Board does have a strategic plan and does review it regularly.

The next Foundation meeting is June 10 and Mary Elliott said if anyone has any questions to please forward them to her or Molly.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Mary Elliott stated that there was no report from the Executive Committee.

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

Mary Elliott reported that the fundraiser for the Children's Choir had raised \$6500 on Sunday and that we have passed our goal of \$10,000.

Clay said a coffee house fundraiser is being considered and details will come later.

Clay provided a stewardship financial update that will be sent to the parish.

David Boyd committed to send two letters: one to be sent to pledgers to say thank you and this is where we are and one to non-pledgers asking them to participate.

David Boyd said that there was no report from the Finance Committee but a reminder from the Diocese that they receive an offering on Whitsunday. Pam O'Conner moved, Clay Carsner seconded that we send the Diocese \$500 from the loose offering, approved.

Mary Elliott reported that a monetary donation from the Louise Eckhardt gift, along with a letter of appreciation from the vestry, would be sent to Rick Patrick as a gift for his work with the church through his photography.

Clay Carsner requested that the vestry begin gathering with the new members ministry for supper before the vestry meeting and begin our official meeting at 6:15pm. This supports the Rev. Mary Vano and the new members.

### **Ministry Team Reports/Updates**

The reports as submitted are attached.

### **Rector's report**

David highlighted the ACF report.

He requested that we thank Ray for his wonderful ministry and Lisa Kay for hospitality being as they served 800 events besides parish events.

David announced:

Janet Zimmerman was named Seminarian of the Year.

James Tengtenga and family lost some electronics by a robbery and we were able to replace them and provide some clothing for the Bishop appropriate to his new position in the Anglican Consultative Council.

The forum has had a successful year and the calendar is full for next year.

A new Austin Statesman writer had a tour of the church.

Trinity Center Director, Mary Rychlik is getting married and having her reception here.

### **Parish Administrator's Report**

Terry Nathan reported that there was a Property Committee meeting today and some rejuvenation of the sanctuary will be done this summer. The outer doors on 7<sup>th</sup> Street have been painted and look good. We have contacted the fire alarm people to tie the alarm systems together. We are working to get the dimmer system out of the attic. As funds are available we will do some restoration of Grace Chapel. The funds for the rejuvenation of the historic sanctuary come from Next to New.

Terry said that a solar project will come through the Environmental Guild and there have been meeting with the school of come up with a safe solution for drop off and pick up of the children.

Tread has been installed on the back stairs for safety and signage has been ordered and on the way.

### **Parish Entities Update**

Terry Nathan reports that the garage continues to do well.

The Day School is already full for next school year.

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 agreed to work with AARP who provide people for some work and retraining.

David reported that Trinity Center has an AmeriCorps volunteer and two interns. They have a balanced budget and have hired a part time volunteer coordinator.

Warm Heart International gave a reception for Bishop Tengtenga and his group.

The Bookshop continues to struggle but we are working on new ideas.

**Diocesan and National Church** – Bishop Wimberly is retiring and Bishop Andy Doyle to be enthroned on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Reports** – Frank Baldwin reported on finances.

Minutes of the March and April Vestry Meetings approved.

Vestry Meeting concluded with prayers.

Sincerely Submitted,

Pam O'Conner, Clerk