

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry  
Minutes

September 20, 2011, at 6:10 .m.

Regular Monthly Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order by the Senior Warden on September 20, 2011, at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: John Barclay, Pam O'Conner, Paul Skeith, Barbara Grove, Carole Gebhard, Gail Findlay, Anthony Chapple, Laurie Eiserloh, Gene Shepherd, Carolyn Connerat, Clay Carsner, Ben Philpott.

Others Present: Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; David Boyd, Rector; Jeanie Sablatura, Communications Director; Don DeGrasse, Ann Teich, Madeline Shelton, and Irit Umani.

The Rector led the vestry in prayer and reflection.

Irit Umani and Don DeGrasse reported from the Trinity Center. She discussed the operations and challenges experienced by the Trinity Center in the last year. She invited St. David's parishioners to volunteer during the week for three hours each month. The Rector requested the Clerk to send letter to Board of Trinity Center commending the work of the Trinity Center.

***Pam O'Conner moved to adopt the August 23, 2011 minutes as amended to reflect the presence of Ben Philpott. The Motion passed.***

Gene Shepherd presented the Outlook Committee's report to the vestry.

***Pam O'Conner moved to adopt the following resolutions:***

***Resolved, to set aside space in the church to serve as a focal point for communicating the Bridge Builder's current and future outreach initiatives;***

***Resolved, to commit space in Looking Ahead and on the church website to publicize the outreach calendar and update the congregation on current and future outreach activities.***

***Resolved, to consider the outreach committee's financial proposals in the upcoming budget discussions for 2012.***

***The motion passed.***

Frank Baldwin presented the financial reports.

***Carole Gebhard, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee's recommendations to modify the budget. She moved to adopt the attached budget amendments on behalf of the Finance Committee. The motion passed.***

Carolyn Connerat presented the stewardship committee report.

***Carolyn Connerat moved, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee to adopt the attached Mission Statement for the Stewardship Committee. The motion passed.***

John Barclay presented the Executive Committee report, regarding the Rector Review, the Parking Garage, and the West Wall.

Terry Nathan presented the Parish Administrator's report. The Rector presented on the Rector's Report.

The Senior Warden introduced Madeline Shelton to the Vestry and presented the report of her discernment committee.

***David Boyd moved that the vestry approve Madeline Shelton to move forward in the process of her discernment of ordination to the Priesthood. The motion passed.***

Paul Skeith reported from the Hispanic Evangelism Committee and the plans for an Our Lady of Guadalupe service and posada in December.

Paul Skeith reported regarding the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin's letter to the Austin Electric Utility Commission regarding protecting low income individuals and churches from excessive rate increases.

***Laurie Eiserloh moved that the Vestry express its approval of the Rector writing a letter to the Austin Electric Utility Commission similar to the one written by Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin. The motion passed.***

The vestry members reported on their contacts with parishioners and entered into prayer.

The Senior Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Paul Skeith, Clerk

The committee recommended the following additions to the budget expenditures since there was already a commitment for them:

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| Rector's Professional Expenses | \$2,000       |
| Supply Priests                 | 4,000         |
| Children's Ministry            | 3,000         |
| Rector Review                  | 2,000         |
| H R Contract Services          | 500           |
| Employee's Health Insurance    | 2,500         |
| Total                          | <u>14,000</u> |

We recommend adoptions of these additions.

The Finance Committee reviewed the budget through August 31 and voted for the following budget revisions

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Reduction in Special Gifts            | \$(30,000) |
| Increase in Pledges                   | 19,200     |
| Increase in Pledge Discounts          | (1,476)    |
| Remove Target Giving Children's Choir | (10,000)   |
| Reduce Foundation Support             | (14,000)   |
| Increase Parish life Expense          | (6,708)    |
| Increase Youth Ministry Expense       | (3,623)    |
| Increase Children's Ministry Expense  | (10,519)   |
| Reduce Stewardship Expense            | 9,243      |
| Increase Evangelism Expense           | (14,927)   |
| Reduce Clergy Staff Expense           | 63,662     |

These changes result in an excess of \$852 in revenues over income. We recommend adoption of these changes.

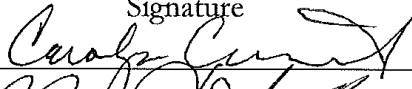
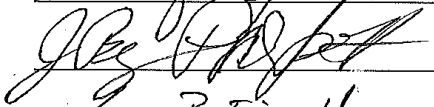
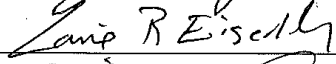


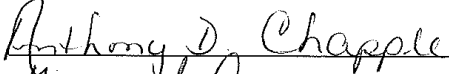

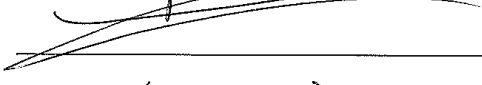
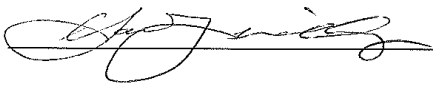
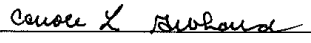
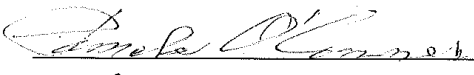
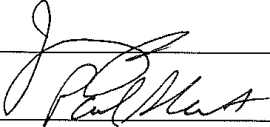
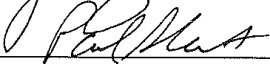
## Stewardship Statement for St. David's Vestry – revised 27 Sep 2011

In recognition of the church's tradition of calling us to work, pray, and give for the spread of God's kingdom, all members of St. David's Church are encouraged to develop a personal spiritual discipline that includes, at a minimum, the holy habits of tithing, daily personal prayer, life-long Christian formation, Sabbath time, and weekly corporate worship.

**We challenge** members of St. David's Church to embrace a new vision of stewardship through a joyful response to God's extravagant gifts; to confront fears of scarcity; and to empower the mission of Christ through generous giving.

**We commit** to pledge a tithe (10% of our treasure) or to work toward meeting or exceeding this goal, recognizing that our giving may include financial support for other ministries and organizations.

**We also commit** – as individuals and as the Body of Christ at St. David's – to following the example of Jesus Christ by offering a portion of our time in service to others and by being stewards of the earth.

| Signature   | Printed name       |
|---|--------------------|
|    | CAROLYN CONNERAT   |
|    | Ben Philpott       |
|    | Luis R. Eislerly   |
|    | TIMOTHY K. PARKER  |
|   | Barbara B. Grove   |
|  | Anthony D. Chapple |
|  | Gene Shepherd      |
|  | Clayton L. Casar   |
|  | Gail Findlay       |
|  | CAROLE L. GEBHARD  |
|  | Pamela O'Connor    |
|  | John A. Pennington |
|  | Paul Skeith        |
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Adopted by the vestry on September 27, 2011.  
 Parishes Paul Skeith, Clerk