

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

November 16, 2010 at 6:15pm

Regular Monthly Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order by the Rector on November 16, 2010 at 6:15pm.

Members present: Pam O'Conner, Nancy Burns, Jennifer Gerber, Terry Heller, John Barclay, Carol Gebhard, Anthony Chapple, Clay Carsner, Barbara Grove, Laurie Eiserloh, Ann Marie Ellis, Amy Case and Paul Skeith.

Other present: David Boyd, Rector; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator.

The Rector led us in prayer.

The Rector called us to order at 6:15pm.

Terry Heller moved to approve the October 19, 2010 Vestry Minutes. The motion passed.

The Rector led us in a discussion regarding the Fall 2010 Vestry Initiatives, which are attached.

Ann Marie Ellis reported from the Finance Committee. The plan is to create a draft budget based on staff compensation and fixed costs and then prioritized program request.

Clay Carsner reported from the Stewardship Committee. He described the pledge drive progress to date and the upcoming plans for the pledge drive.

Amy Case reported from the Strategic Planning Committee. She reported on the Committee's use of the book "Holy Conversations." She also presented the Committee's recommendations, which are attached to these minutes.

Amy Case moved to adopt the Strategic Planning Committee's proposed resolutions and accept the Committee's pay report. The motion passed.

The Senior Warden presented the Senior Warden's report. She announced that there will be a vestry holiday get together at her house on December 4th.

The Rector gave the Rector's report. He reported on Art from the Streets, baptisms on All Saints Day, Randall's shopping card donations for discretionary outreach, the Prime Timers, and the Simple Gifts program.

Terry Nathan gave the Parish Administrator's report. He discussed the success of Art from the Streets and the Labyrinth Walk. He also reported on the recruiting process for

the facilities coordinator position. He also talked about the need for non-staff ministries to submit funding requests to him as part of the budget process. He also discussed the fire alarm that went off two weeks ago and discussed the process for creating an emergency exit plan. He also reported that the garage's income is increasing.

Jennifer Gerber reported from the Day School Board. The certification process has been completed.

John Barclay reported from the Foundation Committee. He reported that Gail Findlay attended the Finance Committee and a good discussion took place regarding the Vestry's October decision regarding the application of the refinancing savings to the designated funds and the campus reserve.

Pam O'Conner reported from Next-to-New and its search for a manager.

The Rector reported from Trinity Center and its fundraising process.

The Rector reported from Warm Heart International regarding its board development and budget process.

Laurie Eiserloh moved that the Rector be authorized to discuss the creation of a discernment committee for Madeline Shelton with the Episcopal Student Center at Tulane. The motion passed.

The Rector reported on Diocesan Nominations from St. David's.

The Rector reported on the Vestry Nominations process.

The Treasurer reported on the church's financials.

The Vestry entered into prayer for the parishioners of St. David's.

The Senior Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by,

Paul Skeith, Clerk

Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations to Vestry:

- **St. David's Parish Goals, as adopted in March 2010, be announced to the parish through: 1) An article in Looking Ahead 2) The annual report; and 3) Framed posters in meeting rooms, classroom space, and other common areas as deemed appropriate by the staff communications team and Strategic Planning Committee Chairs.**
- **That the current Strategic Planning Committee as commissioned by the Vestry in March 2009 be de-commissioned.**
- **That the new Vestry to be formed in January 2011 be given a summary of the open-text comments from the 2010 survey for reflection and discussion.**
- **That we reflect our commitment to a strategic approach by forming another committee in 2-3 years which will build on the 2009-2010 Holy Conversations and 2005-2006 Envision processes.**