

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of
St. David's Episcopal Church
October 23, 2007**

APPROVED

Members Present: Bette Allen, Malcolm Cooper, Judith Cayton, Mary Elliott, Ann Marie Ellis, Jay Juba, Lowell Keig, Don Kuykendall, Pam O'Conner, Stuart Scruggs, Glen Shuffler, Tom Snyder, Peter Techmanski, Aldo Waker, Jo Wicker.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: The Rev. David Boyd, Rector; The Rev. Chad Vaughn, Associate Priest; Ken Malcolm, Associate Priest; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer

Opening Devotions – David Boyd

Focus on Stewardship. David called on vestry members to bring forward pledges so that the leadership of the church can lead by example, and urged us in our communications to express gratitude to those we contact. Our goal individually and corporately is transformation.

Approval of minutes - Jo Wicker moved to approve the minutes as amended, Malcolm Cooper seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

Parish Administrator's report – Weekly attendance has not changed dramatically over the same month last year (September). Proposed chart of accounts will be presented next month to standardize and more clearly allocate expenses within the financial statements for the next budget cycle. Aldo asked about the overage on the administrative costs; Terry pointed out that some of that would come from his own salary.

Executive Committee – Lowell Keig. Historical preservation and garage equipment contracts are signed. Executive Committee recommendation for support of mission committee's suggestion for the allocation of the missionary

asking amount. Tom Snyder expressed concern that fully funding the request from Trinity Center through the diocese means that others will not be able to support Trinity Center. Bette Allen replied that the money going in becomes part of a pool and does not preclude others giving to Trinity Center. Tom Snyder moved to amend the committee recommendation that we take half the unallocated diocesan giving and allocate it to the new mission being created in East Austin. Half the unallocated diocesan giving would be \$10,100 based on the committee's recommendation. Judith Cayton seconded the motion. Glen Shuffler asked about the status of the mission and how it would impact that rest of the giving. David Boyd replied that it would reduce the unallocated portion. Glen Shuffler wanted to clarify whether the allocation we ask for is a statement or if the diocese is bound to allocate the money according to what we've requested. The diocese is bound up to the point where the project is fully funded as requested in the 2008 Mission Opportunities booklet from the diocese. Malcolm Cooper pointed out that the Mission Committee should be making the decisions on these issues, but David Boyd pointed out that the vestry can always have the final say. The amendment passed, Peter Techmanski abstained. The amended motion from the committee passed.

The 2008 proposal based on the committee recommendation and the vestry amendment to include support for the East Austin ministry is:

Diocese of Texas (not allocated)	\$10,100
Diocese of Texas allocated for East Austin ministry	\$10,100
Diocese of Texas allocated for Trinity Center	\$ 9,000
Diocese of Texas allocated for Southern Malawi	
Community Support	\$15,000
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Total for Diocese of Texas	\$44,200

Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin. This request is for this year, and will subtract from the amount available for next year from the Next-to-New funds. This is not changing the allocation. The motion from the Mission Committee regarding \$2000 for Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin was passed, with Tom Snyder voting against.

Vestry members are asked to take part in the Bishop's discernment process, which will take place November 10th at St. David's (St. David's is asked to provide 9 representatives).

Lowell appointed an ad-hoc Audit Committee. Don Kuykendall, Stuart Scruggs (chair), Art Sheppard, Carol Gebhard, Pam O'Conner will be asked to take part in the committee.

Motion from Exec Committee to allocate \$7,500 toward the Seminary pledge and wait on remaining funds until the end of the year to see where we stand. The motion passed.

Finance Committee – Don Kuykendall. The committee will start meeting soon to begin the budgeting process. The committee is continuing work to improve the financial statements and should be greater than 90% complete in the process by the end of the year. The bank will be coming back to us with a proposal to restructure the church loans.

Property Committee – Mary Elliott. The property committee provided a project priority list with their report.

Stewardship – The Stewardship Committee has asked David Boyd to take the lead in the stewardship campaign. David outlined the efforts involved with the stewardship forum. The vestry members will get a list of givers to call and thank, though he suggested that it would be ideal to meet with them in person, possibly at the St. David's coffeeshop.

Strategic Planning – Judith Cayton. The committee is asking for vestry participation in focus groups to help the committee to discern what is meant by leadership, and what might be done to facilitate leadership at St. David's. They will be meeting next week.

Parish Entities report – David Boyd. Next to New - \$11,000 profit last month. Trinity Center – numbers of neighbors is up. Foundation – someone from CEEP will come in to talk about investing.

National Archives project - the land next to St. David's was purchased.

Emergency/Disaster Preparedness – Terry Nathan. Talking to vendors about available equipment.

Downtown Austin Alliance – luncheon on Thursday. We will be a presence at the luncheon.

The vestry was asked to recommend Ken Malcolm for ordination. Malcolm Cooper moved to favorably recommend Ken and Mary Elliott seconded. The motion passed.

We are still waiting to hear from the Pension Fund regarding the payment of Ron Smith's back pension.

Jo Wicker moved and Malcolm Cooper seconded to approve the following change in vestry by-laws. The motion passed. Section 3.08 of the vestry by-laws will now read:

"In case a vacancy shall occur, the Vestry shall fill the vacancy until the next annual election by electing a communicant from the qualified voters of the Parish, and the Congregation shall then fill the unexpired term. Members of the Vestry chosen to fill unexpired terms, shall, like those elected for full terms, be communicants and qualified voters of the Parish."

The vestry will consider the proposed date of Feb 8-10, 2008 for a vestry retreat over email.

Rector's report – David Boyd. Malcolm Cooper has accepted the position of Senior Warden for the next vestry cycle. The discernment committee for Sean Steele has asked the vestry to approve Sean to move forward in the process to postulancy. Malcolm Cooper moved to recommend Sean to advance in the process to postulancy, Don Kuykendall seconded. Motion passed.

The vestry asked David Boyd to create a discernment committee for Steven Bishop.

Mary Elliott asked the vestry to consider purchasing a tile to support the St. David's Day School. Pam O'Conner recommended that the vestry dedicate a tile to thank Laura Falk for her work with the day school.

Chad mentioned that we have UN-sponsored refugees from Myanmar worshipping with us. A committee chaired by Lauri Eiserloh will look at secondary concerns for the families.

Terry Nathan – Brian McLaren will be speaking Nov 13th at 2pm at St. David's in Crail Hall. He is a noted author on the emerging church.

Closing Prayers