

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

October 26, 2011, at 6:17 .m.

Regular Monthly Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order by the Senior Warden on October 26, 2011, at 6:17 p.m.

Members Present: Pam O'Conner, Carole Gebhard, Anthony Chapple, Laurie Eiserloh, Carolyn Connerat, Clay Carsner (by phone), Dan McLendon, Gene Shepherd, Jennifer Gerber, Barbara Grove.

Others Present: Sean Steele, Rob Dixon, Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; David Boyd, Rector; Jeanie Sablatura, Communications Director; Lara Lowman, Development Director.

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 September 20, 2011. B. Grove moved. C. Connerat second. The Motion passed. However, a minor change was made to the attachment to reflect that Mary Ashton's health insurance shall be referred to as "An Employee's" health insurance.

Lara Lowman

Update on pledges in anticipation of Commitment Sunday. \$1,646 in pledges. Received an unexpected pledge of \$25,000. Mailed out solicitations to major donors and vestry. 33 pledges. \$248K total. HVAC update we've received \$18,250 in gifts for HVAC repair.

Guests introduced by P. O'Conner

Sean Steele and Rob Dixon. Seminarians.

Carol Gebhard topic: Assessment and Missionary asking from the Diocese. These are the two requests from diocese.

Assessment is what must go to Diocese from St. David's or St. David's will not be seated at Diocesan Council. 60 percent of Assessment goes to insurance. Total insurance \$145,401. Remainder is \$136, 691. Total \$282K approximately. This is 12 percent of our budget. Slightly less than last year.

Missionary Asking ("MA"). Broken into two pieces. \$130,517 to the diocese. \$131,693 local outreach. \$260K approximate of our budget. This is 22 percent of our budget. Last year we gave \$10,000. Caused consternation at the diocesan level.

David Boyd's proposal is to designate \$10,000 for the MA and to direct Parish Administrator to look at budget and decide at a later date if we St. David's can provide more. Carole Gebhard said Finance Committee suggested giving \$10,000 to be split among the UT Mission, Diocese, and remainder to be decided by Diocese. Discussion was held among the Vestry.

Motion by Carolyn and a second by Gene Shepherd to accept the MA in the amount of \$12,000, and direct Parish Administrator to evaluate four other parishes of our size to see how their giving compares and determine if we can do more. Vestry voted and all approved. Resolution passed.

Discussion about where to designate the MA and suggestions were UT, ECUSA, El Buen Samaritano, and World Mission.

Anthony Chapple motion to divide the MA between UT and ECUSA and Carolyn Connerat seconded the motion. Discussion held among Vestry on motion. Vestry voted and all approved.

Finance Report provided by Carole Gebhard. Adjustments made to budget based on pledges received and paid to date. Currently we're at 72% of pledges received; theoretically we should be at 75%. Looking at prior years, we collected 29% and 32% in last quarter. We could expect to raise the remainder in the last quarter based on current trends. In addition, the Foundation support is not reflected in current numbers but will show up in future report. Discussion was held regarding the report.

Rector Boyd asked for a letter of appreciation to Weed, Corley, Fish for their funeral services for Rev. Pat Hazel. Approved.

Jennifer Gerber presented the report on Strategic Initiatives. She will be participating with Mary Parmer in a Welcome Ministries training on November 2nd.

Gene Shepherd presented the report on Mission and Outreach Committee. He will present the full report on January 22 at Annual Meeting.

Pam O'Conner made report for Executive Committee and discussed the Rector's Review. Consultant will make a presentation to the Vestry next month about the report. Sumners Legacy is on November 6th, 4-6pm, at Molly and Ed Sharpe's house. The Vestry is encouraged to attend.

Terry Nathan presented the Administrator's report. The rates in the garage have been increased and we have increased number of tenants. Negotiations with Omni are progressing regarding their lease. A/C issues continue and bids have been solicited for the repairs. Stained glass repairs have been delayed so they will be done after Advent. West wall repair is being discussed among engineering firms and it will be a few weeks until we have a proposal. We received a \$4,000 refund from the City for the assessment regarding the entrance to Trinity Center.

Rector's Report presented by David Boyd. He praised work of new staff. Rector and Terry Nathan attended the Gathering of Leaders, a national conference. David Boyd attended Clergy Conference and said it was a very positive experience and good feedback about St. David's. He gave updates on the events and activities throughout November.

Old and New Business – Pam O'Conner reported that Next to New gave an additional \$5,000 for outreach and has given a total of \$91,000 this year.

Junior Warden adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

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

Submitted by,

Laurie Eiserloh and Carolyn Connerat, standing in for Paul Skeith, Clerk who was not present