

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
January 02, 2007

Members in attendance:

Dave Byers, Gail Donovan, John Runcie, Nancy Howard, Carol Abbott, Adam Williams, Dave Sonnenberg, Francis Jacobs, Jeff Spitzley

Members not in attendance:

Barb Van Dyke, Dick Otto

Others in attendance: Fr. David, Carolyn Jacobs

Guest: Bob Nordlund

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order, and Fr. David opened with prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the agenda, as submitted, be approved. Motion carried.

Guest Presentation

Bob Nordlund gave a presentation entitled a Church's Guide to a Successful Electronic Giving Program. It would give church members a chance to have a payroll deduction to give their pledge to the church. Fr. David had asked Bob to present this program to the vestry.

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Nancy Howard that Dave Byers and Gail Donovan look into this program and get back to the vestry within a month. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 28, 2006

Motion was made by Dave Sonnenberg and 2nd by Adam Williams that the minutes of November 28th be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

Fr. David presented the Rector's Report and discussion followed. Fr. David made a motion that his report be accepted.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the Rector's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Senior Warden and Jr. Warden's reports

There was no report from the Senior Warden. John Runcie said that he had been asked to go over the umbrella policy for the church. John said that he felt that this was a policy that goes with the basic policy on the church.

Treasurer's Draft Report

Dave Byers discussed his report with the vestry.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Carol Abbott that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Memorial Garden Update

Gail discussed putting up a fence around the Memorial Garden. She said the goal is for the committee to get together and finalize the plan and accept the bid we have so that we can present the package at the annual meeting. The Memorial Garden Committee had received a separate fence quotation because they felt that they might do better. She said that they had gotten a bid from Dewitt Fence.

Dave Byers said that he would like the vestry to consider a backup plan that would fund the entire process. Questions followed.

Adam Williams asked if we should not get bids on the flat roof work for the leaking.

Fr. David said that five names will be drawn before the annual meeting for new vestry members.

There was no report on restricted pledges.

Diocesan Report

Fr. David said that someone will soon be meeting with us from the diocese. It will be Anna Cushman, plus someone else. More information will be given on this later.

Jackie Easton's Resignation

Fr. David said that he had names of several people interested in replacing Jackie, our pledge accountant/bookkeeper, and he would be pursuing this further.

C. & S. Business Management Letter

Discussion then followed about the C & S Business Management letter from Charles Gower regarding a financial audit and review for the financial position of the church at the end of the year.

Vestry and Leadership Day

Vestry and Leadership Day were mentioned. They both will fall on the same day of Saturday, February 10, 2007. It was decided that the vestry retreat would still be on February 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. David's.

Kids Hope USA with Elmwood School

The vestry gave Pat Purol, as manager of the above program, the first ½ of her stipend.

Rectory Housing Allowance

Fr. David presented the vestry with the Housing Allowance form for the year 2007. The form needed to be signed by Gail Donovan as Senior Warden and Carolyn Jacobs as Clerk of the Vestry.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2nd by John Runcie that a parsonage allowance, in the amount of \$10,500, be designated for Fr. David to cover additional maintenance and furnishing of the parsonage. Motion carried.

Budget for 2007

Dave Byers reported on the upcoming budget for 2007. The pledges are reduced but we have also received some new pledges. Questions bounced around as to why pledges are down. Discussion followed about sending out a survey to see if we could come up with some answers.

Fr. David said that we have a candidate for filling the position of his assistant. Discussion followed as to whether we can fly him in for meeting the vestry and congregation.

The bishop will be visiting St. Davids on December 16, 2007.

Adam Williams said that the glass block window is scheduled to be installed in the sacristy for Friday, January 05, 2007.

New Business

Gail Donovan said that we have a shortage of counters after the services on Sunday morning, and that situation needs to be rectified so that the same counters are not always responsible for fulfilling the duty.

Carol Abbott asked Fr. David if a confirmation class would be coming up soon and was told that there will be one for grade 10 and up starting in February.

Questions followed about the sale of the cathedral.

A 2nd budget meeting will be held between services before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 a.m. to approve the budget for the 2nd time. The first meeting will be held on line the week before the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes

