

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
January 18, 2005

Members in attendance: Father David, Tom George, John Runcie, Deb Cornell, Jerry Williams, Jerri Hoffman, Steve Leiby, Craig Leinbach, John Post, and Dawn Sonnenberg

Members not in attendance:

Dave Byers

Bill Paff

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs, Carey Draeger

Opening Prayer: Father David opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Jerry Williams that Father David be allowed to bring his items to the table first so that he can go into another meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Father David said that we need to vote for a second time on the budget before it goes to the General Meeting. Originally it was voted and approved at the meeting of December 21, 2004. One of the vestry members felt that there were some discrepancies that we should correct before we moved on, and another vestry member felt that we should just move on.

Dawn Sonnenberg moved, and it was 2nd by Tom George, that the budget be approved for the 2nd time. Motion carried.

The vestry went into executive council.

Bishop's Special Needs Fund

There was a question as to whether the loose plate offering or the pledge envelopes should be submitted for the Bishop's Special Needs Fund from the Sunday of his visitation (December 19th).

Motion was made by Steve Leiby, and 2nd by John Post, that we send the loose plate offering and round it off to the nearest figure. Motion carried.

Update on the Endowment

Jerry Williams put together a plan of operation for the Endowment Fund which provides for the creation of a committee to assist the vestry. The committee will be working for the vestry.

Twenty new tables have been purchased from the Memorial Fund, and Father David wants permission to do as he sees fit with the old tables.

Motion was made by Gerri Hoffman, and 2nd by Tom George, that this request be granted. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Cell Phone

Father David wanted to know if we want him to have a cell phone. If so, are we going to purchase it? The vestry decided he didn't need the stress of having a cell phone where he could be contacted at all times. The idea was defeated.

Vestry Retreat

In the future a committee will need to be formed to plan a 2-day vestry retreat. This year the retreat will be for one day only and will be at St. David's on February 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Regional Vestry Meetings

The regional meetings will be held at St. Thomas in Battle Creek. The meetings will be:

Thursday, February 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rectory Furnace

Father David said that the rectory furnace is not working properly. It was purchased in 1984. Tom George suggested that we have someone check out the furnace and see if it can be fixed. If it is not worth repairing, he suggested that we check into the price of a new furnace for the rectory. Father David said that he would get three bids and get back to the vestry.

Update on the Garth Bricks

We will have an update by the next meeting.

Vestry Nominations

Father David said that we have more than enough nominations to replace the six people coming off from the vestry.

Catering Request from Carey Draeger

Carey Draeger is asking permission from the vestry to use the kitchen again for her catering business and the monthly breakfasts before church at St. David's. She said that 5% of the gross proceeds would go to the church. John Post asked if it was the same proposal as before. He said he felt the church should take priority. Tom George asked about health permits. He said he felt the permits should be in the church's name. Dawn Sonnenberg asked about cleanup in the kitchen after it's use. Carey said that she was responsible for cleanup, and there were some reservations regarding this by some of the vestry members. Discussion also followed that if the church wanted to use another caterer's services, that they would not be obligated to use Carey's services.

Motion was made by Tom George, and 2nd by Dawn Sonnenberg, that the request from Carey Draeger to start up her catering business again be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Craig Leinbach opened discussion on the Treasurer's Report. He said that there is \$2,469 in the account for pew cushions; \$2,868 in for the labyrinth project; and \$3,676 is in the youth account.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams, and 2nd by Dawn Sonnenberg, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Motion was made by Jerry Williams, and 2nd by John Post, that the Secretary's Report, as amended, be approved. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report

Discussion followed on how many of the vestry members would be going off the vestry. We will be losing Tom George, Jerry Williams, John Post, and Dawn Sonnenberg. Fond farewells were expressed. The copy of the **Rector's Report** was presented

Motion was made by Jerry Williams, and 2nd by Tom George, that both the Senior Warden's Report and the Rector's Report be approved. Motion carried.

AREAS OF MINISTRY

Memorials

Tom George said that he had checked on new tables. Discussion followed.

Stewardship

Jerry Williams said that pledges are down. Discussion followed as to why this is happening, and it was felt that some of it is caused by deaths in the parish, as well as people leaving.

Communications

Jerri Hoffman said that \$5,392 had been made from the style show/luncheon and contributions to be used for purchase of the pew cushions. Jerri said that she would like to get pew cushions for the amount of money that we had at this time. We could cover 14 pews at \$194 per pew.

Jerri Hoffman made a motion to discuss what we should do regarding the pew cushions.

- 1) Should we have them all done now?
- 2) Should we order 14 cushions?
- 3) Should we raise the rest of the money (\$2,923)?

Jerri Hoffman made a motion that we buy all of the cushions. Jerry Williams moved that we discuss it further. Tom George asked if we should have another fundraiser? It was mentioned that the remaining amount could come out of memorials. Father David said that if wanted to use memorial money, the people contributing to memorials would have to be asked if their money could be used for this purpose.

Motion was made by Dawn Sonnenberg to table the motion so that it was not debatable. Deb Cornell 2nd the motion. Steve Leiby said no and John Post 2nd the motion.

Communications - Newsletter

Jerri Hoffman said that there had been computer problems and the newsletter had been delayed due to this, as well as late submittals of articles for the newsletter. Jerri also said that advertisements for projects need to go through her. There have been communication problems.

OUTREACH

Renewal and Evangelism

John Post said that there will be an article in the newsletter about Fr. Sheffield's upcoming conference in March sponsored by the Order of St. Luke.

Outreach – Food Basket Update

Jerry Williams said that \$2,500 had been received from restricted funds, combined with the outreach budget, and the bills were paid. Kroger's was having a sale on canned goods, and we were able to purchase \$300 worth of food for \$100 for the Easter food baskets.

New Person Dinner

Steve Leiby said a tentative date for the New Person Dinner would be April 20th. Tom George said that Nancy did not want to use people for this dinner that work on funeral luncheons. Deb Cornell suggested that she could cook and the high school students could serve.

Fellowship

No report.

Christian Education

Deb Cornell said she is keeping in contact with Mark Powell. She also said that they would have to do a 9:00 a.m. class in Christian Education. Deb said that there will be a retreat for high school students on March 11 to the 13th. A dinner is to be organized. The middle school retreat will be on February 25 to the 27th at cottages on Houghton Lake. The elementary students will have a one day retreat on a Saturday in February and go bowling or roller skating.

Youth

John Runcie said that Deb Cornell said everything he had to say.

Worship

No report. Dawn said that she will be going off from the vestry.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes