

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 25, 2006

Members in attendance:

Carol Abbott, Francis Jacobs, Barb Van Dyke, Gail Donovan, Nancy Howard, Dave Byers

(There was not a quorum.)

Members not in attendance:

Dave Sonnenberg, Vicki Tisdale, Jeff Spitzley, Dick Otto, John Runcie, Adam Williams

Others in attendance: Fr. David, Carolyn Jacobs

Opening Prayer

Fr. David called the meeting together and opened with prayer.

Receiving Agenda

Carol Abbott proposed that we receive the agenda. Nancy Howard seconded.

Minutes

Changes needed to be made on the Minutes of June 27, 2006. Nancy Howard requested acceptance of the minutes after revisions.

Rector's Report

Fr. David presented the Rector's Report.

Barb Van Dyke requested acceptance of the Rector's Report and Francis Jacobs 2nd the request.

Discussion followed on the funeral of Lee Brooks. It was noted that 305 people attended the funeral. There seems to be a definite need for the Memorial Garden to be updated.

Fr. David said that his vacation will be from July 28 and he will be returning August 27.

Senior Warden's Report

Gail Donovan said that she didn't get very many responses back regarding Parishes in Partnership that she had requested.

Vicarage Rental Options

Discussion followed as to whether we should rent out the vicarage to cover expenses and to not leave it empty until we can find an assistant for Fr. David. Gail said that she would do a phone poll to see how the idea of renting the vicarage went. It could be rented to a family who needed it on a short term basis.

Benches

Discussion followed regarding benches for the Garth and the Memorial Garden. Carol Abbott said that she had checked with two companies on the types of benches they had. She said that Benches.com are less expensive but they are not heavy duty. She passed around pictures of different benches.

Memorial Garden

Gail Donovan was hoping that we will have a rendering ready in August and we can then have something to show the congregation. Before we can begin this project, we will have to have some money up front.

Building and Grounds

Adam Williams said (per Gail's recollection) that he didn't know if the roof leak was fixed and Fr. David said that it was.

The bathroom mirrors are up and the exit signs are done.

Gail said that she thought we should just get glass block windows so that we can proceed in the sacristy with the windows.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Byers mentioned that we are having a problem. For the 2nd month we are in the red. We are not bouncing checks but we are not where we should be. Dave said that he will get with Craig to see how we should solve the problem.

It was mentioned that we got a \$400 refund check from the McDaniels Kitchen Shop. Dave also said that pledges had fallen off for the summer.

Nancy Howard requested that we accept the Treasurer's Report and it was 2nd by Francis Jacobs.

Background Check

Fr. David said that we will have to run a background check on the staff and teachers.

Advertising

Barb Van Dyke said she had received a letter from the Lansing State Journal marketing department. She said that the LSJ did not think there would be an increase. At the present time we pay \$43.00 a week. We are using an ala cart price and we can discontinue this at any time. There are contract prices as well, and they are done in increments. If we use this kind of plan, we would have to give them a month's notice if we were to discontinue. Barb's contact will be with Ann Marie.

Restricted Pledges

Nancy Howard talked about restricted pledges. She said that she would like to have a committee of two people, along with herself, to decide what to do with the restricted pledge money.

Worship

Francis Jacobs wanted to mention all of the compliments that everyone who worked on Lee Brooks' funeral received and to thank them for their participation. He also wanted to thank Dave Sonnenberg for being in charge of the ushers during the funeral.

Millennium Development Goals

A letter was passed out from Fr. Bill Fleener regarding Millennium Development Goals.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes