

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
March 28, 2006

**Members in attendance:**

Vicki Tisdale, Barb Van Dyke, Gail Donovan, Dave Sonnenberg, John Runcie, Dick Otto, Francis Jacobs, Adam Williams, Jeff Spitzley, Dave Byers

**Members not in attendance:**

Nancy Howard, Carol Abbott

**Others in attendance:** Fr. David, Carolyn Jacobs, and Bob Nordland (to take pictures)

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Father David called the vestry meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Fr. David asked that the agenda be approved with additions added.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the agenda be approved with additions added. Motion carried.

**Approval of February 28, 2006 Minutes**

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the February 28<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

**Rector's Report**

Attendance for the month was up as there had been three funerals.

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Donovan that the Rector's Report be approved. Motion carried.

**Senior Warden's Report**

Gail Donovan talked about the constituency list (list of parishioners) and wondered if we should put it in the newsletter. Gail said that an article would appear in the newsletter talking about the list and how parishioners are contacted by vestry members.

Discussion followed that vestry members should make contact with the families on their list four times a year to make sure that things are going well for families assigned to them for contact.

Gail talked about getting material on Outreach and Fr. David said that she should talk to Nancy Howard as she is in charge of Outreach.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

No Report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dave Byers explained the balance sheet. He said that he is adjusting to working with Craig's balance sheets. Dave said there was some fairly big expenses that they did not expect to have to pay all at once. Some things can be spread out and not paid for in one lump sum. Some of the accounts on the Treasurer's Report sheets have not spent any money yet and some have spent quite a bit. Dave said that we are in pretty good shape.

Dave opened up the discussion for questions. He said that we give about \$700 a month to the diocese.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Building: Sacristy**

Father David said that the sacristy is nearly done and the altar guild is very happy with it. Adam Williams said that he would get a second bid on crash bars.

A motion was made by Francis Jacobs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Byers that should Adam Williams get a bid of \$750 or lower, that he has the vestry's permission to get the crash bar on the sacristy door. Motion carried.

Adam said that he has a bid on windows for the bathroom, the choir office and the sacristy. Discussion followed on additional small items that need to be done.

Father David said that all of the downspouts are off.

### **Staffing Update**

Father David said that we have talked to two candidates for youth minister/assistant. Ben and his wife asked for gas money as they drove to Lansing. Andrew and his fiancé flew and paid for their own expenses. It was discussed that we should reimburse Ben \$100 for his gas expenses and discussion followed in how much we would need to cover Andrew's expenses.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Francis Jacobs that we give \$500 to Andrew to cover his expenses. Motion carried.

Father David said that he would like to give the position to Andrew. If hired, he would start at St. David's on July 1<sup>st</sup> and his fiancé would follow in December.

Father David said that he was to have a meeting with the bishop on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### **Purchase of Quick Books**

Discussion followed on St. David's getting their own copy of Quick Books. Dave Byers said that money had gone out for purchase of checks and envelopes and he said that he had authorized the expenditure.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Otto that St. David's get their own copy of Quick Books. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Barb Van Dyke said that she had been reviewing various church communications. She said that she was concerned on how bulletins were typed. She said that some language had been taken out that was controversial. Father David said that he will go over her duties with her.

It was mentioned that the Lansing Community Newspapers will do Easter coverage for St. David's. Father David said that he found them more useful than the Lansing State Journal. He said that ads would go in the Grand Ledge Independent and the Delta Waverly newspaper.

Motion was made by Francis Jacobs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Sonnenberg that we spend \$90 for each paper for advertising. Motion carried.

Gail Donovan said some members of the congregation would like to support the missionary ministry of Stephanie Post with a pledge. She said that Stephanie needs monetary support. Gail and several other members of the congregation said, at the least, they would like to make a three year commitment. The funds would probably come out of the restricted pledges. Discussion followed that we would give her a lump sum of \$1,200 a year for three years. This would amount to \$3,600 over a three year period.

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Donovan that we give \$100 a month for three years out of the restricted funds. Motion carried.

We will set \$3,600 aside and disburse \$100 a month for three years.

Pat Purol is asking for assistance for attending the ECW Board Workshops for the Triennial meeting. Pat is planning on going for the whole event which is around 10 days.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Donovan that we expend \$500 from restricted funds toward expenses. Motion carried.

We had one negative vote as one vestry member did not think this should come out of restricted funds.

Gary Mugnolo sent a letter thanking St. David's for hosting the Happening Weekend.

Father David said that he would be putting sexual harassment papers in everyone's mailboxes.

Adam Williams asked if there was a plan on when to start the garth and was told there is a plan in place.

Father Bill asked if he could be reimbursed for gas for his travels visiting the shutins and hospitals. Father David said that he would follow up with Father Bill on this matter.

The next vestry meeting will be on April 25. Father David will be in Rome, Italy at that time.

The vestry meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk  
Approved Vestry Minutes