

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
April 19, 2005

Members in attendance: Father David, Bill Paff, John Runcie, Dick Otto, Craig Leinbach, Jeff Spitzley, Francis Jacobs, Carol Abbott, Nancy Howard, Jerri Hoffman, Gail Donovan, and Dave Byers

Members not in attendance:

Deb Cornell
Steve Leiby

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

The meeting was called to order and Father David opened with prayer and asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the agenda be accepted as submitted. Motion carried.

Draft Minutes:

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Bill Paff that the draft minutes of March 15, 2005 be accepted as revised. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

Father David discussed Sunday attendance and the LEM visitations to the shut-ins. He said that Easter attendance was down because there were no baptisms and that Sunday school attendance is down.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Jerri Hoffman that the Rector's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report

Bill Paff said that the counters' schedule is out and that everyone would get one. If you are unable to do your Sunday counting, please switch with someone.

Junior Warden's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Craig said that everything in his report was up to date. He said that various offerings fluctuate. The special offering donations are up and that the rental income was in. Craig then asked if there were any questions.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Bill Paff that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Kids Hope USA

Fr. David said that the Kids Hope program was on hold as the grant for the program had been withdrawn by the pharmaceutical company that had originally donated it. He said that it would be up to us if we still wanted to continue with it out of our restricted funds. We would need \$2,000 to start it up.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Nancy Howard/Bill Paff that we approve the \$2,000 start up expenditure from restricted funds. Motion carried.

SBC/Yellow Pages Request

Jerri Hoffman said that we are being urged to take a much larger ad at a much larger fee. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2nd by Gail Donovan to leave our ad as it is. Motion carried.

New Assistant Report

Fr. David's choice for our assistant rector has been assigned by the Bishop to St. Mark's Church in Grand Rapids. We will be putting an ad in the Living Church and Episcopal Life.

Transportation

Senior World is looking for transportation for four people from Grand Ledge who would like to attend church on Sunday.

Motion was made by Bill Paff that Carol Abbott call Big Daddy Taxi and see what can be arranged for bringing these individuals to church for one month and see how it goes. John Runcie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tree Removal and Replacement

Fr. David said that we have an ash tree that could eventually give us the ash bore problem. It was proposed that we have four of our trees cut down that could give us trouble.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Francis Jacobs that these trees be cut down. Motion carried.

Other Business

Jeff Spitzley said that Kelly's Custom Painting has given us a bid of \$465 for the balance of the exterior work.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Dick Otto that the bid be accepted. Motion carried.

Jerri Hoffman wondered if we might want to paint the chapel. Jeff said that he would ask if that could be included in the bid.

Jeff also brought up the question of the men's bathroom. We are apparently waiting for someone to complete a project before they can come and do the work on the bathroom for us. Jeff also mentioned that he thought it might be a good idea to have a tented area for outside activities held at the church. Carol Abbott mentioned that she would like some new tables for the Sunday school with shelves and cupboards to match.

Dick Otto asked about the special convention to be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Barb VanDyke has been put up to delegate status. Fr. David said that the budget finally was balanced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes