

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

Members in attendance:

Gail Donovan, Nancy Howard, Carol Abbott, John Runcie, Vicki Tisdale, Barb Van Dyke, Dave Byers, Jeff Spitzley, Adam Williams, Dave Sonnenberg, and Francis Jacobs

Members, and others, not in attendance:

Father David and Dick Otto

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs and Nan Strickler, Guest (to discuss Siren)

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Gail Donovan called the vestry meeting to order and had Barb Van Dyke open with prayer.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the agenda be approved with additions added. Motion carried.

Guest Presenter

Nan Strickler, on behalf of Siren of Charlotte, made a presentation to the vestry. She said that Siren takes care of between 75 and 100 people daily. They are looking for sponsors of the golf scramble. She said that it would be helpful if we would participate, and it would also give St. David's some recognition. Siren is trying to get out of the red. Dave Byers said that in years past, out of the restricted funds, we have given Siren \$1,000 each year. A suggestion was made that we give \$1,000 and revisit the topic at the end of the summer.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Nancy Howard that we sponsor a team for the golf scramble for Siren and revisit the discussion of giving to Siren again at the end of the summer. Motion carried.

Approval of March 28th Minutes

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the March 28th minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report

Gail Donovan gave her report. She said that Carol Spangenberg will use the church for a funeral on Thursday, April 27th.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Jeff Spitzley that the Senior Warden's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Junior Warden's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Byers went over the Treasurer's Report for the vestry. He said that he and Craig Leinbach were discussing a bank change. He said that they were thinking of removing the checking account from the NU Credit Union to a financial institution that would give us the best service at the minimum cost. Gail took a poll from the vestry as to whether it was OK to move the account. Carol Abbott was absent when Gail conducted the poll in March.

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

Building and Grounds

Adam Williams got a bid from West Michigan Glass Block for the sacristy window in the amount of \$607.50. Jeff Spitzley and Adam Williams discussed options. Jeff's price for bronze blocks was \$997.50 and \$648.38 for untinted blocks. The men's and women's restroom windows, as well Tim's office window, still need to be replaced. Adam also discussed the panic bar on the sacristy door. For the next meeting we will need more information on block windows and cost comparisons.

Memorial Garden

The committee met and reviewed all of the plans. The decision was made that we will work with Lenore Morgridge, who is an architect. The committee will meet with her on May 5th. A final plan will be put together after all of suggestions have been discussed. The trees will not be harmed but the hedge will come down.

Canterbury MSU Request for Parish Mailing Address list

Barb Van Dyke discussed that Canterbury MSU would like to send a letter to parishioners of different parishes for fund raising. An envelope will be included if someone would like to make a contribution. Donations might be asked for twice a year. Idea people are being drawn from different parishes to ask for suggestions.

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Francis Jacobs that we furnish our mailing list to Canterbury MSU. Motion carried.

Communications

Barb Van Dyke said that she had met with Father David about getting people on a committee to get communications straightened around.

Gail said that she had talked to Father David about having a picture wall. Dave Sonnenberg will talk to Father David about having a new directory.

Outreach

Nancy Howard said that a representative from Food for the Poor would like to come and talk to us. Discussion followed about getting on scam lists, and it was mentioned that if the check goes through the church, our name is not going to end up on an unwanted list. Nancy said that she would talk to Father David.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Gail Donovan to have a representative come back and talk to the vestry in 2007 about Food for the Poor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Jeff Spitzley said that he would like to put a trail behind the parking lot of the church and that money may be asked for at a future date to do this. Discussion followed as to whether this was a good idea.

The 2005 Report of Episcopal Congregations & Missions was signed by Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk; Father David, and Craig Leinbach, Treasurer. This is done once a year.

Discussion followed on use of the Youth Room.

The garth will be worked on starting on April 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk
Approved Vestry Minutes