

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
August 22, 2006

Members in attendance:

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

Members not in attendance:

Dave Sonnenberg

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs

Others not in attendance: Fr. David

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order and Barb Van Dyke opened with prayer.

Receiving Agenda

Carol Abbott moved and John Runcie 2nd that the agenda be accepted as presented.
Motion carried.

Minutes of June 27, 2006

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the minutes of June 27th be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Review/Ratify Discussion Notes of the Unofficial July 25, 2006 Meeting

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the minutes of July 25th be ratified as presented. Motion carried.

Vicarage Agreement

Gail Donovan discussed the poll regarding the approval of the vicarage rental agreement. Discussion followed.

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

Coffee for John and Nan Strickler

Discussion began about having a coffee for John and Nan Strickler before they move to Traverse City. September 17th was a date that was discussed for the event.

Rector's Report

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2nd by Jeff Spitzley that the Rector's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Memorial Garden

Gail Donovan said that we have a final rendering of the garden that will be shown to the congregation. Before it is presented, there will be a meeting of the Memorial Garden Committee to look at it once again. Jeff Spitzley asked if there had ever been a plaque recognizing contributors. Gail said that the Memorial Garden Committee was not in charge of such a project.

Annual Diocesan Convention

The annual convention will be held in Kalamazoo on October 21st at 10:00 a.m. The delegates for the convention are: Dick Otto, Gail Donovan, Barb Van Dyke and Bob Muncie as an alternate.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that lunch and registration for the three delegates and Fr. David be covered. The cost for lunch is \$10 and \$25 for registration. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Byers said that we are not having any significant problems and discussion followed.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Education for Ministries

Barb Van Dyke said that she will put an article in the newsletter regarding the upcoming EFM class at St. Davids. She said that on the first day of Sunday School she will do an introduction on what the class consists of to the congregation. Barb said that she needs 6 students but not more than 12 for the class to move forward. The class is not a bible study but a theological reflection, and it is recommended that leaders in the church take the class. The cost is \$340 per year. It is hoped that the student will put in four years. Barb said that it would nice if the vestry could pay half of the class for students who would have a hard time paying for it on their own.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2nd by John Runcie that a scholarship of ½ of the price of the class be provided, if requested, to members of St. David's who would like to take the class. Motion carried.

Diocesan Convention Issues

Discussion followed regarding Parishes in Partnership that will be brought up at the convention. One of our questions was how do we feel about the assessment as a body? One of the vestry members asked if we had signed a paper as to what our responsibility was to the diocese. Another question was if this comes to pass, can we address the needs of those that need to restrict funds, and can we handle the consequences? What options do we have under the "worst case" situation? It was decided that we need to look at our options.

Stewardship

Dick Otto is working on the campaign and hopefully it will be up and running by the middle of October.

Buildings and Grounds

Adam Williams said that he had not gotten a hard estimate on the vents for the men's bathroom windows. Painting and calking was also discussed.

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Dick Otto that up to \$500 for glass block for the sacristy and Tim's office be available for Adam to use as well as for painting and calking both rooms. Motion carried.

Communications

Barb Van Dyke said that she had sent in the new contract for advertising in the Lansing State Journal, and it started August 5th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes