

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
August 28, 2007

Members in attendance:

Patrick Lynaugh, Sue Kohler, Tim Cote', Jeff Spitzley, Gail Donovan, Bob Nordlund, Carol Abbott, Barb Van Dyke, Dick Otto, Adam Williams, and Nancy Howard

Members not in attendance: David Sonnenberg

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs, Deacon Drew Downs

Others not in attendance: Fr. David and Dave Byers

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order and Deacon Drew opened with prayer.

Agenda

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

Minutes of July 24, 2007

Motion was made by Sue Kohler and 2nd by Patrick Lynaugh that the Minutes of July 24 be accepted as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

No Rector's Report

Deacon's Report

Deacon Drew has met with the Sunday school teachers and he said that they will be using the same curriculum plus different resources as well. He said that they will use next year as a transition year.

Drew also said that he had met with Carol Spangenberg from St. John's in Charlotte. He said that they were planning an acolyte youth trip to Washington D.C. for an October 6 visit to the Washington Cathedral. Acolytes from both St. David's and St. John's will be attending and Drew explained the itinerary. The finances for the trip were discussed and the rental of vehicles to carry the passengers. Chaperones will also be attending including Drew and Rose Downs, Carolyn and Francis Jacobs, and parents and grandparents who choose to go. The church will not cover the expenses for the chaperones.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Barb Van Dyke that \$130 be given for each child attending the Acolyte Festival to defray the cost of lodging and expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

No Senior Warden's Report

No Junior Warden's Report

Treasurer's Report

Gail presented the report and it was decided that questions would be deferred until one of the treasurers was present to answer them.

It was decided the vestry members would like a little more explanation and breakdown of the Treasurer's Report. A great deal of discussion followed.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as we understood it at that point. Motion carried.

Memorial Garden

Gail said that we are awaiting the fencing and then the Memorial Garden will be complete.

Discussion followed on the mulching work that needs to be done and how to go about matching up the mulch.

The vestry decided to table the discussion on mulching and grounds work until Fr. David returned in September.

Diocesan Stewardship Conference

Gail discussed the Diocesan Stewardship Conference, at the Bishop's request, and asked if anyone would like to go other than herself. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the \$10 would be covered by the vestry for those wishing to attend. Motion carried.

Electronic Giving Program

Bob Nordlund talked about a system that would allow parishioners to give their pledge electronically from either their checking or savings account. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Bob Nordlund and 2nd by Dick Otto that we open up this type of service and present information to the congregation to those who would be interested. Motion carried.

Gail asked for an update at the next vestry meeting.

Fr. David's Contract and Leave Time

Gail said that we need more information as this issue will come up again. Gail asked whether we should pursue looking into it or whether putting it off was OK. Discussion followed.

Old Business

Discussion followed on the sessions scheduled in different locations for Protecting God's Children. Gail said that if you had not already taken this training, that you must if you will be working with children either at St. David's or through Kid's Hope.

EFM

Barb Van Dyke talked about parishioners at St. David's taking the Education for Ministry training. She needs 6 people to make the class go. The vestry determined that they would pay half of the tuition (\$170) for people that need assistance.

Motion was made by Gail Donovan and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the vestry will cover \$170 for each parishioner that chooses to take the EFM class, which is half of the tuition. Motion carried.

New Business

Letter from Patrick Jacobs

Patrick Jacobs wrote a letter to the vestry thanking them for sponsoring his bowling team. He also made a request that the vestry contribute toward team shirts with St. David's name on them.

Carol Abbott made a motion that \$120 be approved toward bowling shirts for the 6 man team (\$20 per shirt). The motion was 2nd by Patrick Lynaugh. Motion carried.

Barb Van Dyke said that she was still having discussions with the Lansing State Journal regarding advertising.

Adam Williams wanted to know if anyone in the church did silk screening for tee shirts for the crop walk.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes

