

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
December 21, 2004

**Members in attendance:** Father David, Jerry Williams, John Post, John Runcie, Tom George, Bill Paff, Craig Leinbach, Steve Leiby, Dawn Sonnenberg, Dave Byers

**Members not in attendance:** Deb Cornell, Jerri Hoffman

**Others in attendance:** Carolyn Jacobs

**Opening Prayer:** Father David opened the meeting with prayer.

**Budget**

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that discussion on the 2005 budget be moved up for discussion. Motion carried.

Craig Leinbach went over the proposed budget. Craig said that now money has been freed up, it can be used for buildings and grounds. Jerry Williams said that he thought we would end up with larger pledge balance than we have right now. A lengthy discussion followed. The matter was brought up of paying for a youth assistant. If a lay person was hired, their salary would come out of lay salaries but if clergy were hired, it would come out of clergy salaries. We have a zero balance for the mortgage. Father David brought up a request for Sue Gabel to have her family covered by insurance as her husband will not be able to work in the future. It was mentioned that 20 hours would make up a full time employee. The Finance Committee had decided not to pay insurance but the vestry could overturn this decision. No motion was made and the request died.

The budget will go to the annual meeting.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom George that the pledge to the diocese stay at 12%. Motion carried.

**Friendly Amendment**

Jerry Williams made a friendly amendment, and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom George, to set aside 12% restricted and unrestricted funds and then add 1% to go to outreach and/or programs. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Leiby and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Byers that \$1,500 be put in a fund for advertising. Motion carried.

### **Friendly Amendment**

Bill Paff moved (not sure if anyone 2<sup>nd</sup>) that \$871 be set aside for support of the Trinity Episcopal Seminary. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the budget, as amended, be accepted (and the treasurer will put forth a clean copy of the amended budget). Motion carried.

### **Secretary's Report**

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom George that the minutes of November 16, 2004, be approved as amended. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A discussion followed after presentation of the Treasurer's Report. It was mentioned that several pledges are still not in.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Byers that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

### **Rector's Report**

Father David said that he had received a lot of phone calls, and it reflects the state that the parish is in. There have been a lot of crisis with a lot of parishioners in the hospital and nursing homes. The lay ministers and OSL people are out doing LEM services and it is working very well.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the Rector's Report be approved. Motion carried.

### **Jr. Warden's Report**

See attached letters. Motion passed by acclamation to recognize the wonderful job Tom George had done during Father David's absence this past summer.

Jerry Williams commented on the two major functions that went on at St. David's on the same day (packing and delivering the Christmas food baskets and the funeral lunch) and said everything worked very well. Jerry then produced the latest copy of VISION and said that it did not show our pledge. He said that would be corrected.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Sonnenberg to accept the Jr. Warden's report. Motion carried.

## **AREAS OF MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Bill Paff reported that our bathroom at the front of the church has died. We will have to have both of the men's bathrooms (urinals) redone. Father David said that he will get at least three bids. Bill Paff said that he had stained the ½ door to the nursery.

## **Memorials**

Nothing to report.

## **Stewardship – Update on Grace of Giving Program**

Jerry said that he had received the pledge report from Jackie Easton (Jerry's report attached).

## **Communications**

No report.

## **Outreach**

John Post mentioned that we might put a survey in different areas of the church telling what St. David's has to offer. Discussion followed on the distribution of the food baskets. The work at the mission will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in 2005. It was mentioned that we are in arrears for food baskets. We need more money to fund this program.

Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Leiby for an additional \$2,500 to be added to the current budget for this ministry. Discussion followed. Dave Byers proposed that money come from Restricted Outreach to make up the deficit in food baskets.

Motion was made by John Post to make this a nondebatable issue. Debate ended. All in favor of adding \$2,500 out of Outreach to fund the food baskets: 3 voted yes and the rest were not in favor. Motion defeated.

Dave Byers suggested that the Outreach Committee come to the vestry in advance and ask for money. It should not be spent ahead of a request and then asked for later.

## **New Person**

Steve Leiby talked to Deb Cornell about obtaining a vehicle to transport people to and from St. David's. Deb is in favor of obtaining a vehicle and Steve is not.

## **Fellowship**

Gail Donovan to coordinate. There will be a New Years Eve party at St. David's.

## **Youth**

There will be a Christmas Eve Pageant at St. David's at the 7:00 p.m. service.

## **Worship**

The acolyte robes are being cleaned before Christmas.

## **Lay Ministry**

Dawn asked about new names being submitted for the vestry.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No luncheon wrapup as Jerri was not at the vestry meeting.

### **Labyrinth Project**

Sue Kohler has found someone to donate bricks for the labyrinth. It was also mentioned that there isn't a budget for the labyrinth project.

### **Vestry Compensation Resolution**

Father David presented a resolution (see attached) to the vestry stating that he would like the amount of \$9,500 given to him for compensation for rectory upkeep be considered a parsonage allowance within the meaning of the term used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Post that the resolution be approved. Motion carried.

Dave Byers talked about the restricted pledge report (see attached).

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Sonnenberg that the restricted pledge report be approved. Motion carried.

### **Verger Request**

A request was made by Francis Jacobs to become a verger for St. David's. Discussion followed and the request was approved.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 23 after church.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes