

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
December 20, 2005

Members in attendance: Bill Paff, Gail Donovan, Carol Abbott, Jeff Spitzley, Francis Jacobs, Nancy Howard, Steve Leiby, Dave Byers (came in late)

Members not in attendance:
Deb Cornell, Dick Otto, John Runcie

Others in attendance: Fr. David, Carolyn Jacobs, Craig Leinbach, John Post, Lorayne Otto, and Ed and Pat Meier

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Father David opened the vestry meeting with prayer.

Craig Leinbach asked that the Treasurer's Report be moved down to the bottom of the agenda.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Francis Jacobs that the agenda be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Guest Presentation

John Post reported that the Renewal and Evangelism Committee would like to have a Faith Alive Weekend at St. David's. They are asking for the vestry's support. At this point John explained what a Faith Alive Weekend involves. The committee would like to have a weekend in the fall of 2006. The last Faith Alive Weekend at St. David's was in 1998. It would be from Friday through Sunday of the weekend that is chosen.

Motion was made by Francis Jacobs and 2nd by Bill Paff that the Faith Alive Weekend be held at St. David's in the fall of 2006. Motion carried.

Lorayne Otto gave a presentation on the property that was given to St. David's at 1707 Sagebrush. She said that they will be using a Quit Claim Deed to transfer the house from them to St. David's. It will be done through the Otto Foundation. If the house is sold, the money will go back to the foundation.

Minutes of November 15, 2005

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the minutes of November 15 be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

Fr. David said that, at this point, the report was not quite as he wanted it but that it would be worked out. Fr. David and Fr. Bill will have to get together to make the report accurate. Fr. David said that the attendance is good. Sunday school attendance is up.

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

Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden Reports

There were no formal reports from the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Buildings and Grounds

Work on the sacristy is progressing. Everything should be done before the annual meeting.

Roofing

Jeff said that Milestone Construction is going out of business. The Sherriff-Goslin Roofing Company will now be doing the work.

Windows

Jeff said that the windows in the nursery are in bad shape. We have three bids. Steve Leiby said that he liked the work done by Exteriors of Lansing and Jeff liked Northern Home Improvement. Bill Paff said that he would like something other than white.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that we get the work done by Northern Home Improvement. Motion carried.

Staffing Update

Father David said that he had five interviews, two with parishioners and three outside of the church. He has selected Edie Nordlund to be his Administrative Assistant. The church office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Edie has requested a line item to buy some office software.

After the first of the year Father David will be traveling to different seminaries and interviewing candidates to be an associate/youth minister.

Memorial Garden Update

Gail Donovan talked about a new plan for the Memorial Garden. The question came up as to when this work should be done as we have to raise money to do it. The committee will give the congregation a choice as to which plan they prefer.

Outreach

Nancy Howard gave an update on Outreach. She said that they would like to increase their budget to feed five more families by \$2,000. Father David said that we could not talk about money as the budget had already been set.

Budget

Craig Leinbach went over the budget.

Craig and Dave Byers presented figures as of December 5, 2005. There has been \$175,000 in pledges received

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

We have a preliminary budget.

Bill Paff moved that the pledge to the diocese for the year 2006 shall be 12% of unrestricted pledge income. Steve Leiby seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Father David presented the Annual Resolution to the vestry pertaining to the parsonage allowance.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2nd by Steve Leiby that this allowance be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk
Approved Vestry Minutes