

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 20, 2004

Members in attendance:

Tom George, Senior Warden; Jerry Williams, Junior Warden; Dave Byers, John Runcie, Bill Paff, Charlie Parker, Deb Cornell, Jerri Hoffman, Steve Leiby, John Post, Dawn Sonnenberg, and Craig Leinbach

Members not in attendance:

Charlotte Byers, Fr. David Pike – on Sabbatical

Others present at meeting:

Gerry Purol, Nancy George, and Carolyn Jacobs

Meeting begins with prayer (John Post)

Gerry Purol was invited to speak on the labyrinth project before the regular meeting got started.

Tom George received a letter from Andrew Pike. In his letter, Andrew said that he regretfully will not be able to complete the labyrinth project due to time constraints because of work and college approaching. Because of this, Gerry Purol was asked to complete the project. Charlie Parker said that Tami Varricchio is trying to get more grant money. We are aiming for a completion date of August, 2005. The question came up as to whether this labyrinth would be used by the general public and the idea is to make it for public use as well as ours.

Gerry had pictures of possible labyrinth layouts. He said he is interested in using bricks. Tom George brought up the question as to how much bricks would cost. Tom asked Craig if he had a balance for the project, and Craig said he probably had \$4,100 in the account. There never has been a plan for landscaping, just a generic blueprint. Charlie Parker said that he felt the project should be turned over to Gerry Purol and the Labyrinth Committee. Jerry Williams said that he would like to see a finished design. Motion was made by Charlie Parker to put Gerry Purol in charge of the project. Steve Leiby seconded the motion. Tom George said that a monetary amount should be established. Gravel had cost about \$900 and \$5,000 had been raised. There was \$4,177 left. Bill Paff offered the amendment that Gerry Purol can use the money as need be and it was seconded by Charlie Parker. Amended motion carried.

The Labyrinth Committee consists of Gerry Purol, Pat Purol, Gail Donovan, Nancy George, Tom George, Tami Varricchio and Charlie Parker

Secretary's Report and Addendum to Jr. Warden's report. (Corrections were made to original Secretary's report as follows)

It was noted that there was \$200,000 in the checking account, instead of \$40,000, as noted in the original minutes. Also correction was made to the spelling of Jerri Hoffman's name.

Treasurer's Report

Craig mentioned that the month of June was low on the revenue side but expenses were lower than expected. Everything is looking up for the summer. Craig broke down the Treasurer's report and discussion followed. The Sabbatical Fund will have funds coming from three different sources: the church, the diocese and Fr. David. He said to be prepared that the diocese may fall through. Motion was made by Jerry Williams and seconded by Bill Paff to approve the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Rector's Report:

There was no rector's report this month.

Sr. Warden's Report:

Tom George said there was nothing significant. He did say that he had received Meditations for Vestry Members and would like to pass it on for the vestry members to take a look at.

Jr. Warden's Report:

No report.

Buildings and Grounds:

Bill Paff said that he had a meeting with someone about laying carpeting in the nursery. Deb Cornell said that she and Jaime Williams would pick out paint and suggested that they pick out carpet as well. Deb suggested that maybe the carpet in the nursery should match the church carpeting. The question came up as to why there is a hole in the nursery, and Bill Paff said that he was waiting to have the hole fixed when the door was installed. The door will be done before September 12 when nursery starts. Deb also wondered if there would be new cribs, and Jerry Williams raised the question about cost. Tom said that we would finish the construction first and worry about the furniture later.

Charlie Parker asked what happened to directional signs that were approved at the February meeting. There didn't seem to be an answer to that question. John Post asked if we were near to being done with the bricks in the garth and discussion followed. We need to revisit the garth issue as people have given money for bricks, and we are at a standstill. Pat Vine was originally in charge of the money for the bricks. Jerry Williams asked about the seat being fixed on the lavatory in the handicapped bathroom and it will be fixed.

Memorials:

Tom George said that there had been a donation toward pew cushions in the amount of \$300. Jerri Hoffman read a letter from the anonymous donor regarding the cushions.

Stewardship

Jerry Williams said that the pledge drive would be starting and he was asking that we approve a statement on where we want to go with stewardship. He would like everyone to sign the statement. There have been no changes from previous statements. One member had an objection to signing such a statement and refused to sign. Jerry asked if this member would sign a statement that did not mention a percentage to give and they said that they could sign if the statement were revised to not include a percentage of giving. Another member did not think the statement should be changed. It was discussed that the word minimum could be changed to preferred. Dave Byers moved that we adopt the statement with the exception of striking the word minimum. Dawn Sonnenberg seconded the motion. Tom asked if there was further discussion. Motion carried.

Jerry Williams reported that people not pledging a certain amount gave a total non-pledged amount of \$9,400. Discussion followed regarding the Grace of Giving Endowment Fund. He will have a draft to think about and talk about at the next vestry meeting.

Communications

Jerri Hoffman said that the Independent in Grand Ledge had the wrong time for our church service, and she hoped that it had been corrected. She wondered if we should advertise in the Diocesan paper. Dave Byers said that the whole inside of the Diocesan paper is national church news. We only have the front and back pages for local news. Jerri also mentioned that rooms in the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids are \$89.00 a night for the convention. The delegates for the convention from St. Davids are Jerri Hoffman and Gail Donovan, as well as Fr. David and Bob Muncie attending. Jerri will call and reserve rooms.

Renewal and Evangelism

John Post did not have a report.

Outreach (Jerry Williams reported for Charlotte Byers)

Jerry mentioned there had been a meeting with the Eaton County Probation Office regarding a program for teenage girls to help build self esteem. Pat Thurston will work with them. Tom George mentioned that most checks had been written regarding the restricted funds. See minutes of vestry meeting in June regarding restricted funds.

New Persons' Report

Steve Leiby said that we had visitors from the Air Stream group visiting St. Davids but very few others.

Fellowship

Fr. Knut Jacobsen from St. Timothys came and participated in the picnic and Eucharist held on July 3rd at St. Davids. Charlie also mentioned that Tami Varricchio is asking the vestry for \$150 from the Cursillo Fund to cater a WMEC dinner for August 1st. St. Davids is supplying the meal for that day. Charlie Parker moved and Dave Byers 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

John Post mentioned that Jim Thurston is planning another canoe trip for the Watermen in August on the Chippewa River in Mt. Pleasant.

Christian Education

Deb Cornell said that the high school kids are going to Cedar Point and excited about the upcoming weekend. She also mentioned that there is an ad in the August Good News for two teachers: one for the high school, and one for grades 6 through 8. Nancy Howard will be retiring. Jaime Williams also needs help in the nursery.

It was mentioned that the picnic at Grand Woods Park will be on Sunday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Youth

John Runcie had nothing to report.

Worship

Dave Byers talked a little about the organ fund in the amount of \$3,000. He said he would like to request that the vestry do a general maintenance on the organ using memorial funds with the vestry picking up the balance of \$1,000 from general operating funds. David Byers so moved and Dawn Sonnenberg 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Craig Leinbach said that he hoped that this work could be done before Fr. Ben left St. Davids. This work hopefully will be done by fall. Dave Byers will talk to Tim Flynn.

Lay Ministry

Dawn Sonnenberg said that the visitation to nursing homes and homebound parishioners from St. David's was going very well. She hoped that the ministry would continue. Dawn moved and it was 2nd by Jerry Williams to continue with this ministry.

Old Business

Discussion followed on matching funds for Habitat for Humanity. Motion was made by Jerry Williams and 2nd by Dave Byers to take this issue off from being tabled and brought back on the table. Motion carried. Dawn Sonnenberg suggested that we have a deadline of September 1st for matching funds. Someone mentioned that we still haven't resolved the issue as to whether we are going to match funds. Jerry Williams said that part of the selling feature of Habitat is that funds will be matched. John Post moved that we match up to \$1,000 by September 1, and the motion was 2nd by Charlie Parker. Motion carried. Tom George will get in touch with Ron Schavey.

Discussion followed regarding the kitchen hood. The original estimated amount was \$14,341 by Milestone Construction. The fan needs to be reworked on the roof. The question came up as to why wouldn't the fan have been included in the original estimate? The second question was "is it going to pass code?"

New Business

John Runcie said that on July 17 a member of St. Davids had sponsored an AA fundraiser. He got a large bill in the amount of \$500 for holding it at St. Davids. It was decided to check the original contract and see why this might have happened.

The vestry meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

There will not be a vestry meeting in August. The next meeting will be on September 21

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes