

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 19, 2005

Members in attendance: Father David, Bill Paff, John Runcie, Deb Cornell, Carol Abbott, Dick Otto, Gail Donovan, Francis Jacobs, Jerri Hoffman, Nancy Howard, Steve Leiby, Jeff Spitzley, Dave Byers

Members not in attendance:

Craig Leinbach

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

The meeting was called to order and Father David opened with prayer and asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of June Minutes

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Steve Leiby that the Minutes of June 21, 2005 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

The Rector's Report was presented by Fr. David. Bill Paff asked that Fr. David go over his vacation plans for the month of August. Fr. David said that Father Ben Baldus will do the Sunday services and Fr. Bill Erickson would do the Wednesday night services. Fr. David also said that the private eucharists are down and that he is back to doing them himself. Dick Otto wanted to get a report on the discretionary fund, and Fr. David said that he would put one together.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Bill Paff that the Rector's Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Sr. Warden's Report

There was no formal report. Bill Paff said that he would like everyone to have his phone number during Fr. David's absence.

Jr. Warden's Report

No report.

Update on Assistant/Youth Minister

Fr. David said at this point Fr. Bill Erickson will be assisting him with visitations and he will be doing two eucharists during the month on Friday mornings and Wednesday nights. This will be during the interim period and he will be receiving \$1,000 a month from St. David's for his services. He will be paid by the church directly, and this will be put in contract form.

Fr. David has asked Phil Beavers at Great Lakes about helping to find a youth minister for St. David's, and he will also keep checking seminaries.

Update on Sacristy, Labyrinth, Bathrooms

The cabinets for the sacristy are to arrive next week and Russ Vine will hang them. Russ will build a cabinet for the layreader/acolyte robes after that.

Father David said that he had hired someone to clean the sacristy.

The labyrinth will become a fall project. The first week in September we will have the bricks.

Work on the bathrooms will soon be started. Father David said that plumbers keep putting us off because of other work but he has told them that we need the work done by the first week in October or we will find other plumbers.

Memorial Garden

We will be tabling work on the Memorial Garden until fall or winter and then plan on starting next spring designing the garden and then bid it out.

Roofing

Bids are out and nothing has come back yet.

Air Conditioning

Two people have bid on the air conditioning.

There was no Treasurer's Report

Other Business

The Diocesan Convention will be October 21 and 22nd to be held in Battle Creek. The delegates are Dick Otto, Jerri Hoffman, and Gail Donovan. The vestry decided that the delegates could stay over two nights. The question was asked as to whether we should give Dick Otto full reign on how the pledge cards should be redone with restricted or unrestricted income. It needs to be clear to the congregation that this process changes yearly.

Carol Abbott asked about tables for classrooms. She said that we need better quality tables for classrooms.

Reports

Dave Byers (Assistant Treasurer/Renewal and Evangelism) had nothing to report.

Bill Paff (Senior Warden) had nothing to report.

Gail Donovan (Fellowship) had nothing to report.

John Runcie (Lay Ministry) had nothing to report.

Jerri Hoffman (Communications) had nothing to report.

Deb Cornell (Christian Education) reported that the church had their picnic on July 10 at Sharp Park and it turned out very well. Deb said that the young people would like to get together one weekend a month. She said that Vacation Bible School started this week.

Nancy Howard (Outreach) said that an Outreach meeting was coming up regarding Volunteers of America and Cloth a Child for School. The Volunteers of America are asking for churches to fund them for six months.

Carol Abbott (New Person) said that she has not called together a New Persons Meeting this summer. It will start up again in the fall.

Francis Jacobs (Worship) had nothing to report.

Dick Otto (Stewardship) said that a Stewardship Conference would be held September 10th in Grand Rapids.

Carol Abbott asked about how work was progressing on the organ. She was told it would be dismantled in August.

There will be no vestry meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes