

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 24, 2007

Members in attendance:

Jeff Spitzley, Tim Cote', Bob Nordlund, Sue Kohler, Adam Williams, Gail Donovan, Carol Abbott, Nancy Howard

Members not in attendance: Patrick Lynaugh, Dick Otto, Dave Sonnenberg, Barb Van Dyke

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs, Fr. David, Deacon Drew Downs, Dave Byers

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order, and Fr. David opened with prayer.

Agenda

Fr. David asked for approval of the agenda as submitted.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the agenda be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Father David introduced Deacon Drew Downs to the vestry.

Minutes of June 26, 2007

Motion was made by Sue Kohler and 2nd by Gail Donovan that the minutes of June 26, 2007 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

Fr. David presented the rector's report and discussion followed.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Adam Williams that the Rector's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report

Gail Donovan discussed a conversation with a parishioner about putting together a Time and Talent survey to discover talents of parishioners and how to access them. A committee may be formed in the future to discuss this ministry.

Junior Warden's Report

No report.

Memorial Garden Update

Gail also gave a Memorial Garden update. The garden has been started and progress is being made. Completion time will be about 3 or 4 weeks.

Safeguarding God's Children

St. David's is hosting a training seminar on Safeguarding God's Children on Saturday, July 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The training will be conducted by the Rev. Carol Spangenberg.

Letter of Agreement for the Reverend Andrew D. Downs

The Letter of Agreement for Drew Downs was discussed by Fr. David. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Bob Nordlund and 2nd by Nancy Howard that effective July 1, 2007, \$1,000 annually would be held by the vestry to be used as a medical reimbursement account for Deacon Drew and Rose. The amount of \$500 will be for this year and \$1,000 for the year 2008. Motion carried.

Donation to St. James, Albion

Fr. David requested that we send a check in the amount of \$1,000 to St. James in Albion toward their renovation after the fire out of our restricted funds.

Motion was made by Adam Williams and 2nd by Nancy Howard that St. David's send a check in the amount of \$1,000 out of our restricted funds to St. James in Albion. Motion carried.

Pictorial Directory

We will be doing another pictorial directory this fall and it will be organized by Mary Jane Buzzie and Toni Bolin. Discussion followed as to who we would like to do our directory. Olin Mills and Life Touch are our choices, but we will leave it up to Toni and Mary Jane as to which one we choose.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Byers discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Gail Donovan that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Vicarage –Rectory Updates

Adam Williams discussed the updates that have been done to the vicarage and the rectory such as changing doorknobs, etc.

Gideon's Presentation and Request for Support

Fr. David said that we had a request from the Gideons to come to St. David's and do a presentation on a Sunday during sermon time. Discussion followed, and Fr. David said that he would have them come some time in October.

It was mentioned that we have been given an opportunity for free online banking from Central Payment Corporation, a subsidiary of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, utilizing the Trinity System which is an online processing platform which allows use of credit/debit/atm cards from individuals for paying church pledges and contributions.

Fr. David said that he had kept a file of remembrances and he was putting a book together to keep for church history.

Gail Donovan made a report for Barb Van Dyke. She said that a new chaplain had been found for MSU Canterbury. Her name is Sarah and she will be starting August 13th. Gail said that Barb will be bringing up information regarding the billing program for the Lansing State Journal and how it will change. Barb will be asking the question of what do we want to do for advertising in the future?

Adam Williams will be getting quotes on getting work done for the church parking lot drains.

Nancy Howard mentioned a program called Justice and Mercy Ministries. She said that it is a Christian group that has been interested in tutoring and will now be doing something else within the public school system. The ministry is called ACTION. This group would like to speak to the parish. Nancy said that this is an advocacy group and that there will be a workshop on September 9th. Fr. David suggested that we have them come to speak to us in August.

Motion was made by Sue Kohler and 2nd by Nancy Howard that Fr. Bill Erickson be given a check in the amount of \$2,000 to cover July and August for his services in visiting our shut-ins. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

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