

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
March 15, 2005

**Members in attendance:** Father David, Bill Paff, John Runcie, Francis Jacobs, Gail Donovan, Gerri Hoffman, Craig Leinbach, Nancy Howard, Dick Otto, Jeff Spitzley, Steve Leiby.

**Members not in attendance:**

Dave Byers  
Carol Abbott  
Deb Cornell

**Others in attendance:** Carolyn Jacobs

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:**

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

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Runcie that the agenda be accepted as submitted. Motion carried.

**Draft Minutes:**

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Otto that the draft minutes of February 15, 2005 be accepted as revised. Motion carried.

**Rector's Report**

Father David presented his report on attendance. He said Sunday attendance is slightly down but not drastically.

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

**Senior Warden's Report**

No report.

**Junior Warden's Report**

No report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Craig Leinbach explained his report to the new vestry.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Paff that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Kids Hope USA**

Father David said that Kids Hope USA is a mentoring program for kids at risk from kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and it goes through the school year. It's purpose is for tutoring and talking to kids at risk. St. David's has been asked to do the program for Elmwood Elementary. He said that each church should have a coordinator for their individual program. Each coordinator is to be given an honorarium. Father David wanted to know if we would like to do this program for Outreach and how much we want to set up as an honorarium. Mentors would go for training.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Spitzley to set up the program at St. David's for two years Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Leiby and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Otto that a \$500 honorarium be given to the mentor of the program at St. David's per school year. Motion carried.

### **Pews**

Jerri Hoffman said that as of Sunday, March 13, 2005, we owed \$1,007 for the pew cushions. John Runcie asked if we should use adhesive to keep the cushions on the pews, and Jerri said that she would check into it. Discussion also followed regarding moving some of the cushions if need be. This issue will be revisited.

### **Diocesan Special Convention**

The special convention will be at St. Marks's church in Grand Rapids. The special convention will be on Saturday, April 23, 2005. There will be three delegates attending and they are Gail Donovan, Gerri Hoffman, and Dick Otto. It will be for one day and no overnight stay. The special convention will just be about the budget. The alternate delegates asked if they could go.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Howard that the alternate delegates be allowed to go to the special convention and their way be paid as well. Motion carried.

### **Sacristy Report**

Father David said that there would be a charge for delivery of around \$50.00. Further discussion followed about improvements that will be made to the sacristy.

### **SBC Web Address**

Jerri Hoffman said that it will cost about \$16 a month to put a web address on the Internet Yellow Pages.

Bill Paff moved and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerri Hoffman that we drop the issue about the SBC web address. Motion was made to reject the idea. Motion carried.

**New Assistant Report**

Father David said that finding candidates for filling a new assistant position at St. David's is very tight and that he hadn't found anyone up to this point. He said that he had a candidate in mind, but he will also do a nationwide search. This issue was just for discussion.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Father David requested that we give a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the restricted pledge money to Habitat for Humanity.

Motion was made by Gail Donovan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Howard that we give \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity. Motion carried.

**Other Business**

A discussion came about on having electric locks put on the outside doors, and Father David said that he had a bid from Lansing Safe and Lock to have these installed. This matter was up for discussion.

The vestry also discussed on where to keep the rector's equity invested.

Father David mentioned that two people in Grand Ledge would like to come to St. David's to church but they do not have a way of getting there.

**Outreach**

Nancy Howard said that \$1,820 had been received from donations to feed 35 families and 2 shelters. It was mentioned that we need help in packing up all of these baskets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday weekend.

**Worship**

Francis Jacobs said that there will be a vigil on Thursday evening before Easter all night at the church and that there will be security for those wishing to come and pray at the church at the Altar of Repose.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk

Approved Vestry Minutes