

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes

November 28, 2006

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Members in attendance:

Dick Otto, Nancy Howard, Carol Abbott, Gail Donovan, Francis Jacobs, Jeff Spitzley, Barb Van Dyke, Dave Byers, Adam Williams

Members not in attendance:

Vickie Tisdale, Dave Sonnenberg, John Runcie

Others in attendance: Fr. David, Carolyn Jacobs

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

Receiving Agenda

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Carol Abbott that the agenda, as submitted, be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 22, 2006

Motion was made by Francis Jacobs and 2nd by Nancy Howard that the minutes of August 22nd be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes of October 24, 2006

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Barb Van Dyke that the minutes of October 24th be approved. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

Fr. David presented the Rector's Report and discussion followed. Fr. David made a motion that his report be accepted as corrected.

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2nd by Gail Donovan that the Rector's Report be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report

Gail Donovan talked about opening bids for the first of November for the Memorial Garden. We have already received two bids for the garden. Discussion followed.

Gail also mentioned that they had received a request for a synopsis of the monthly vestry minutes in the newsletter for parishioners that do not have the internet. Fr. David said that he would give it some thought and see what could be done.

Pledge Update

Dick Otto said that he had received pledges up to this point in the amount of \$204,237. We have new pledges that total \$18,780. Dick said that we were in pretty good shape and we are still anticipating receiving more pledges.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Byers said that we are in good shape and things are going well. We will now be using the Flagstar checking account since moving from Nu Union. Dave then discussed the budget with the vestry.

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

Dave then brought up the subject of a group of Episcopal churches that want to use the Paychex system as a group for having their paychecks processed to save money. It would involve being connected to the National Episcopal Church as a body and we would realize a savings at a group rate.

Motion was made by Francis Jacobs and 2nd by Barb Van Dyke that we pursue this idea. Motion carried.

Dave asked for requests for the budget to be turned in as soon as possible so that a budget can be formulated for 2007.

Barb Van Dyke asked that a new procedure be put together to instruct counters on how to process pledges that come in every Sunday and are counted after church.

Discussion followed as to whether Fr. David should continue to deposit the Sunday offertory money or should we deposit it in a night deposit box and have a key?

Monitor of Restricted Pledge

Nancy Howard said she still needs to get the totals so nothing can be done at this point in time.

Diocesan Parishes in Partnership Request

The Diocese would like to send someone to come and speak to the parish about why they would like to see Parishes in Partnership take place.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by Dave Byers that we invite the bishop, along with the Parishes in Partnership Committee, to discuss this concept with the congregation of St. Davids. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Jackie Easton's Resignation

After seven years of posting weekly pledges for St. David's, Jackie Easton will be retiring as of December 31, 2006 to spend more time with her family. We will need a new person to fill this position, which is a paid position of \$3,000 annually.

Motion was made by Barb Van Dyke and 2nd by Francis Jacobs to keep this position an outside paid position. Motion carried.

Change to Revised Common Lectionary

Fr. David said that the General Convention has determined that every church should use the Revised Common Lectionary as of 2008, and Fr. David has decided to start using it now. It will cost \$35.00 to purchase a copy of the Revised Common Lectionary and orders are now being taken.

Vestry Nominations

The vestry members that will be coming off from the vestry at the end of 2006 are:

Francis Jacobs
Dave Byers
John Runcie
Barb Van Dyke

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 21, 2007.

Motion was made by Carol Abbott and 2nd by Nancy Howard that Dave Byers will continue to be the treasurer for next year as a non vestry member. Motion carried with one abstention.

Kids Hope USA with Elmwood School Update

Pat Purol has had the training and the school is looking forward to the program. Fr. David said that we had originally voted to give \$500 a year for Pat to run this program. He asked how we wanted to give this – all at once or in increments?

Motion was made by Jeff Spitzley and 2nd by Nancy Howard that we increase the amount of payment to Pat up to \$1,000 a year. Jeff said we should keep a log of time spent to work on the program. Motion carried.

Pat Purol will report directly to Fr. David. We will pay her \$500 right now and the money will come out of the 2006 budget. We will pay her another \$500 in January.

Old Business

Benches

Carol Abbott said we should not have accepted the benches for the garth and the Memorial Garden before we knew that they were in good shape. The company said that they are not responsible for taking them back. Discussion followed as to how this situation should be handled. Carol said that she would call the company back.

MSU Canterbury

Barb Van Dyke asked if we wanted a representative from St. David's to be on the CMA board. Fr. David suggested that she write an article for the news letter addressing this.

New Business

Snow Blower and Lawn Mower

The question came up if we want to keep the snow blower at the rectory as it belongs to the church. It was decided that we did want to keep the snow blower at the rectory.

Someone who doesn't want to be revealed is leasing a riding lawn mower for the church. It is being leased, and we will have an option to buy.

The staff and vestry Christmas party will be at the rectory on Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs
Vestry Clerk

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