

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
September 20, 2005

Members in attendance: Bill Paff, Carol Abbott, Deb Cornell, John Runcie, Dick Otto, Craig Leinbach, Jeff Spitzley, Nancy Howard, Francis Jacobs, Gail Donovan, Dave Byers

Members not in attendance:
Steve Leiby

Others in attendance: Carolyn Jacobs, Father David, Lorayne Otto

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Fr. David opened the vestry meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Nancy Howard and 2nd by John Runcie that the Agenda, as presented, be approved. Motion carried.

Guest Presentations

Lorayne Otto was present, along with her husband, Dick, to present a gift to St. David's.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Deb Cornell that Lorayne have a voice to speak at the vestry meeting. Motion carried.

It was presented by Dick and Lorayne Otto that a gift was being given to St. David's of a house at 1707 Sagebrush in Lansing for Fr. David and Nancy to live in, as well as an allowance of \$25,000 for remodeling. If the house was sold after two years, the proceeds from the sale would go into an endowment fund for the church. It was pointed out that this should be done in a way to benefit St. David's.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2nd by Nancy Howard to accept the offer contingent upon legal ramifications to the church. Motion carried.

Resignation

Father David has accepted the resignation of Jerri Hoffman from the vestry for personal reasons. It was decided that the vestry would run vacant in her position until the annual meeting and then we would select someone to fill it.

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Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Dave Byers that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Rector's Report

There was none.

Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden Reports

Bill Paff said that there are two new urinals in the men's bathroom. Bill also said that there would be several new memorials for the garth, one being for John Matthews along with several others.

There was no Jr. Warden's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Craig Leinbach went over the Treasurer's Report and asked if there were any questions.

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

Meijer Benefits to St. David's

Discussion followed about how Meijer sends a check to St. David's after members, who have signed up for discount cards, use them in the store.

Bill Paff made a motion, and it was 2nd by Carol Abbott, that 100% of the money received using discount cards be deposited in Outreach. Motion carried.

We decided that an article should go in the newsletter telling people how they can sign up for Meijer discount cards.

Father David said that two new urinals had been installed in the men's bathroom and that tile would be put in as well.

Dave Byers proposed that we get clarification from Milestone Construction for reroofing the parish house and that we have them start immediately.

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2nd by Bill Paff to that effect. Motion carried.

Continuing Education – Trip to Rome

Father David asked to be able to take this year's and next year's continuing education fund money to be used on a trip to Rome.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2nd by Nancy Howard that this request be approved. Motion carried.

The Garth

Three memorials have been ordered to go on the walls of the garth.

Motion was made by Dick Otto and 2nd by Francis Jacobs that we have JSO Services proceed with work on the garth this fall, weather permitting.

The Memorial Garden

Fr. David said that he did not like the way that the Memorial Garden is laid out. He said that the garden needs work and that the hedge is dying. It was proposed that we get drawings from both architectural firms and bring it up to the congregation as a whole at the annual meeting.

It was decided that Gail Donovan would get a group together to discuss talking about designing the memorial garden and she will talk to the two architects who submitted the bids.

Motion was made by John Runcie and 2nd by Nancy Howard that Gail Donovan be put in charge of setting up a committee for renovation to the Memorial Garden to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. Motion carried.

Cathedral Corporation

Fr. David gave an update on the Cathedral Corporation meeting held on Wednesday, September 14th. He said that the bishop can relocate wherever he wishes and this is regardless of what the diocese says. He said that at the convention the diocese will default on the cathedral and it will be sold. Our delegates to the convention will be Dick Otto, Gail Donovan and Barb VanDyke.

Welcome Wagon

Welcome Wagon is asking that St. David's be sponsors for the Welcome Wagon in Delta Township. This is done with one church in the area. It was discussed that this may be a good way to get new members. We would have to sign a contract.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2nd by Gail Donovan that we do not want to do this type of outreach. Motion carried.

Stewardship

Dick Otto said that he would like a motion from the vestry that we continue to have the ability to restrict pledges

Motion was made by Dave Byers and 2nd by Nancy Howard to have the option to restrict pledges and that a percent equal to the percent sent to the Diocese would go to organizations outside of St. David's. Motion carried.

Bill Paff said that he felt we should have someone look at the ovens in the kitchen. He also brought up the issue of broken tables. He said we should keep four of the best and throw the rest of the tables away. The vestry gave Bill permission to do as he wishes in this matter.

Carol Abbott brought up the issue of new tables for the Sunday School classrooms. Carol said that she would also like six new chairs. Carol asked permission for Jeff Spitzley to order four new tables and six chairs.

Motion was made by Bill Paff and 2nd by Dave Byers that we allow up to \$600 for the purchase of new tables and chairs. Motion carried.

Gail Donovan raised a question about the organ as to when it will be worked on as it hasn't happened yet. Work will not occur on the weekends.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Jacobs, Vestry Clerk
Approved Vestry Minutes