

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

April 27, 2010 at 6:20pm
Regular Monthly Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order by David Boyd, on April 27, 2010 at 6:20pm.

Members present: John Barclay, Anthony Chapple, Laurie Eiserloh, Pam O'Conner, Barbara Grove, Paul Skeith, Nancy Burns, Jennifer Gerber, Carole Gebhard, Terry Heller, Kristin Runkle, Clay Carsner, Amy Case; Ann Marie Ellis, Timothy Parker

Others present: David Boyd, Rector; Ken Malcolm, Associate Rector; Terry Nathan, Parish Administrator; Frank Baldwin, Treasurer; Beth McGill, Associate Priest; Rosera Tateosian, Chair of the Environmental Guild; Mary Vano, Associate Rector; Catherine Roberts, Executive Assistant to the Rector

The Rector led us in reflection on St. David's goals developed through the Strategic Planning process.

Catherine Roberts reported on preparations for the Bishop's visit on May 23, 2010. The vestry discussed the presentation to the Bishop.

Beth McGill reported on the youth ministry program and its service program and spiritual development program in particular. Beth McGill asked for prayer partner volunteers for the New Orleans' mission trip. Beth reported that 60% of our youth need financial assistance to participate fully in the youth program and that this need did not come from just one demographic group.

Pam O'Conner reported from the executive committee regarding the Green Faith opportunity. The vestry discussed the pros and cons of the Green Faith opportunity.

John Barclay, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved that the vestry postpone decision on the Greenfaith Opportunity until the June meeting. The motion did not pass.

Ann Marie Ellis moved that St. David's Episcopal Church immediately commit to the GreenFaith Certification Program and that the clergy and staff fulfill the program's requirements as presented to the Vestry. Kristin Runkle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Clay Carsner reported from the stewardship committee. More than 50% of St. David's members are now pledging. The stewardship committee is planning on a pledging initiative to defeat the summer lag in giving.

Ann Marie Ellis reported from the finance committee and reported on specific recommendations to the vestry from the finance committee. Ann Marie reported in more detail about the finance committee's discussions related to the bookstore. A copy of the recommendations are attached.

The Vestry approved all of the finance committee's recommendations by unanimous consent.

Amy Case reported from the strategic planning committee.

David Boyd gave the Rector's report. He reported on his upcoming participation in the Bishop's election in the Western District of Kentucky. He also reported on various deaconate and priesthood discernment committees.

Ken Malcolm reported on the parish picnic.

The Vestry unanimously consented to instruct the Clerk to send thank you notes to the Day School board and the lay leadership for the picnic.

Ken Malcolm reported on the Lenten journey groups and plans for 2011.

Ken Malcolm reported on that St. David's will be partnering with Krista Tippett of Speaking of Faith in testing a program and curriculum called "Einstein's God."

Ken Malcolm reported on the interfaith environmental service that took place at the St. David's labyrinth.

Ken Malcolm reported that he along with St. Martin Lutheran Church's clergy, met with the mayor and staff regarding downtown race coordination.

Terry Nathan gave the parish administrator's report. He reported on the planning for the staff retreat to formulate action items to implement the strategic planning goals. He also reported on a potential cell phone tower opportunity. He also reported that the monthly contracts for the garage have not decreased even though a new lot has opened across the street. Terry Nathan reported that the Parish's auditor will give a financial audit report to the Vestry at the June meeting.

Jennifer Gerber gave a report regarding the St. David's Day School.

John Barclay reported from the St. David's Foundation. A social meeting of the Vestry, former vestry members, and Foundation board members will be held on June 19, 2010. The Vestry discussed the gift policy when a gift to St. David's is made in a will.

Clay Carsner moved that Robin Shepherd be approved as a board member of the Trinity Center. The motion passed.

Barbara Grove moved that Anthony Chapple be appointed as the Vestry liaison to the Trinity Center. The motion passed.

Terry Heller reported on the financial results from Next to New.

David Board reported on Warm Heart International and Bishop Tengatenga's sabbatical at St. David's.

David Boyd reported on St. David's agreement to provide food and facilities in relation to the remake of *True Grit* with Matt Damon.

Pam O'Conner, with the Vestry's unanimous consent, appointed Kristin Runkle to make recommendations to the Vestry regarding a written lease agreement for the Trinity Center.

Frank Baldwin reported on the parish's financials.

Ann Marie Ellis moved to approve the March 23, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

The vestry members reported on their contacts with parishioners and entered into prayer.

The Senior Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by,

Paul Skeith, Clerk