ST. DAVID’S VESTRY MINUTES

January 24, 2017


Also present were Rev. Chuck Treadwell, Rev. Katie Wright, and Terry Nathan.

The Senior Warden called the meeting to order, and the Rector led the Vestry in the opening sentences of the Compline service.

Chuck asked that the Vestry approve the Parish Parochial Report. The Vestry reviewed the Report, made one administrative amendment, and approved it unanimously.

Robert said that the Grants Committee was looking for a Vestry liaison and anyone who was interested should talk to him.

The Property Committee reported that the Rand Corporation will present final estimates on the proposals for work on the Historic Church in the coming days.

The minutes of the January 17th Vestry meeting were approved.

Chuck gave a Rector’s Report. Transitions resulting from the reductions in staff are proceeding as well as can be expected. Katie will be forming an Evangelism Committee to help do this work.

The White Paper has been through several revisions and two public presentations at the Women’s Group and the Adult Christian Formation hour. When the Vestry and programs staff meet together on February 7th for goal setting, we can work out the action items for each goal. The White Paper will be released after this meeting. We will then have a parish-wide conversation on March 26th after the 11:15 service. People will be able to gather in interest groups for the various action items.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on January 29th at 10:25am. We will elect six members of the Vestry, as well as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Chuck has been recruiting people to run for Vestry. We will also be debuting the new St David’s phone app during the parish meeting.

Katie reported that three people in the parish are in the discernment process: Ross Ponder, Joy Miller, and Lynn Osgood. The new Diocesan ordination process requires that two people from each candidate’s home parish serve on their Regional Discernment Committee. The Diocese would like more people to be trained to be on these committees. The commitment required is a 6-hour training session, plus meetings once a week for 6 weeks with the candidate. Once trained, one could serve on such committees for candidates from other local churches.
Gustavo gave a presentation breaking down the budget by ministry and also looking at how the current number of 2017 pledges to date compares with 2015 and 2016. He suggested we should pass a budget based on our 2017 stewardship goal and in the next few months the Finance Committee should work on finding opportunities for cost savings, as well as doing a cost benefit analysis of the use of our facilities.

Terry provided commentary on some amendments to the budget proposed by vestry members, Some of the suggestions by various Vestry members were approved and some were rejected. After an extended discussion, Diane moved to approve the budget as amended and Jennifer seconded. The 2017 budget was approved unanimously.

The Vestry approved a motion by Gustavo, and seconded by Kris, that a subcommittee of Finance perform the cost benefit analysis of the use of St David’s facilities as we continue to look for cost savings.

Everyone congratulated Charles on the birth of Ann Louisa Moody.

There were no other action items for the Vestry. The date of the meeting to elect officers for the new Vestry will be determined after the parish meeting.

The Vestry meeting concluded with the final portion of Compline and adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shiloh Daniel