ST. DAVID’S VESTRY MINUTES
June 27, 2017


Also present were Rev. Chuck Treadwell, Rev. Katie Wright, Parish Administrator Jim Sargent, Ross Ponder, Joshua Brocklesby, and Facilities Manager Michael Holder.

Senior Warden Robert Sumners called the meeting to order, and Fr. Chuck led the Vestry in the opening sentences of the Compline service.

The minutes from the May 23rd meeting were adopted as presented.

The Vestry welcomed our new Facilities Manager, Michael Holder, our new Curate, the Rev. Michael Horvath, and our summer intern, Joshua Brocklesby, a seminarian at The Church of England and student at University of Cambridge.

Bob Davis spoke about the Diocese of Texas’s new regional discernment process and introduced Ross Ponder. The Vestry voted to recommend Ross to the Diocese as a postulant for holy orders.

Fr. Chuck gave a Rector’s Report. Heidi Trevithick has resigned as Retail manager in order to spend more time with her children and help her husband with their family business. Her last day will be June 28th. Last year, Father Chuck and the Vestry agreed to evaluate all positions that became open and consider any restructuring that may be needed. In accordance with this plan, Jim is figuring out how to redistribute her responsibilities.

As had been previously announced, Anthony Chapple will be stepping down as Interim Director of Community Engagement in order to serve as Head of Volunteers for the 2018 General Convention in Austin. Our new curate, Fr. Michael, will be in charge of community engagement. The vestry voted unanimously to approve the Diocese Curate Covenant Agreement with St David’s Episcopal Church for Fr. Michael.

The St. David’s Day School has been experiencing a financial crisis. Enrollment is down this year and the Board of the Day School needs to raise $20,000 for expenses this summer. The Board of the School is considering moving on June 1, 2018 to become a year-round full-day school, with after care. It is believed that this new model will be more in line with the needs of working parents. The School is also working on adding classes to support students with special needs.
The Vestry discussed an issue with adding wheelchair stations to the Historic Church, which is not currently wheelchair-friendly. A parishioner has offered to pay to modify two of the pews during the construction period. Jim pointed out a clever way this could be done by rearranging the existing pews so that we did not have to alter any pews.

Eric and Jim gave a report from the Property Committee. The Bethell sound system needed repair and has been standardized with the Historic Church. The southeast garage stairwell is being converted to an emergency stairwell, and new equipment has been added to the elevators so that you can call out if the elevator stalls. An emergency radio has been installed at the front desk, and new emergency exit plans have been added around the church. The Grace Parlor project has been completed. Finally, the Episcopal Church USA has added a website, tinyurl.com/austinproperty, with updates on their mixed-use development of the lot across the street from St. David’s that will house The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Diane reported that much progress was being made by the subcommittees of the Facilities Study.

Chuck led the Vestry in Compline's closing prayers and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shiloh Fallon
Clerk of the Vestry