ST. DAVID’S VESTRY MINUTES
September 26, 2017

Vestry Attendance: Cathryn Dorsey, Shiloh Fallon, Chris Gorychka, Scott Hendrix, Martha Salazar, Jennifer Glass, Gustavo Hernandez, Diane Mazuca, Kari Moore, Charles Moody and Janet Sawyer on the phone.

Also present were Rector the Rev. Chuck Treadwell, Associate Rector the Rev. Katie Wright, the Rev Michael Horvath, Parish Administrator Jim Sargent, Chancellor Lowell Keig, Lynn Osgood, Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, and Peter Hahn.

Fr. Chuck called the meeting to order and led the Vestry in the opening sentences of the Compline service.

The minutes from the August 22nd meeting were adopted as amended.

The vestry unanimously approved a congregational endorsement for ordination to the priesthood for Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, as well as a motion to nominate Lynn Osgood for ordination to the priesthood in a bi-vocational capacity.

Fr. Chuck gave a Rector’s Report. The Historic Church has been reopened, and responses on the new combined 11:30 am service have been very positive. The stabilization project was completed on time and on budget. Now that the stabilization project is complete, a committee will be appointed to design a process for taking input on what kinds of things should be included in a capital campaign for the restoration of the Historic Church.

Sharon Becca has created a project plan to track the progress of the White Paper Initiatives, and a written report on progress is expected next month.

The Hospitality staff has met with Jim and Fr. Chuck to determine what our capacity will be for events during General Convention.

Renewal Works, under the strategic initiative of deepening our relationship with God and one another, is in progress. The CEEP Conference is coming up and will be in San Antonio February 21-24, 2018. The Vestry is invited to attend.

Fr. Michael Horvath gave an update on our recent disaster responses. The areas impacted by Harvey are facing two challenges: volunteers who had been mucking out homes have had to return to their jobs, and homes that have not been mucked out are now facing condemnation within the next ten days. The Diocese is looking for volunteers and St David’s hopes to send a team in the next few weeks. Vestry members should let Michael know if you are interested, and donations should be made to Episcopal Relief.

Treasurer Charles Moody gave a report from the Finance Committee. Cash flow projections showing an upcoming cash shortfall remain accurate, and the Vestry has authorized use of garage funds to cover it. Pledge realization has also been low this summer. The Bookshop has been underperforming on coffee and food, but is undergoing a renewal process under Jim and Anna’s management. The Hospitality committees are continuing to give good ideas on initiatives supporting St David’s strategic goals. The Finance Committee has also started talking about beginning the budget process for 2018.
Parish Administrator Jim Sargent reported that the fence on 8th Street needs to be replaced. A fence on San Jacinto could be added at the same time to match and this would protect the flower beds. Cost would be $6,000, and it can be fixed by our Harvest Sunday event at the end of October. The Finance Committee recommended that this work be done and the Vestry approved.

Jim led a discussion on a lease agreement versus a management agreement of the Garage. In the end, we did not receive a viable bid for a management agreement. The Garage Committee has met with the top two lease bidders, Premier and SP+. Shiloh moved and Scott seconded to proceed with a lease agreement with one of the garage management companies we have been interviewing. This motion was passed by the Vestry unanimously.

After the Vestry discussed the bids offered, Scott moved to authorize the Vestry Executive Committee, staff, and counsel to enter into final negotiations and execute a lease agreement with Premier. Shiloh seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Charles moved that the counsel we have hired must approve the agreement before the lease is signed. Kari seconded and this motion was also passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shiloh Fallon
Clerk of the Vestry