

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David's Vestry
January 22, 2019**

Vestry Attendance: Shiloh Fallon, Martha Salazar, Gustavo Hernandez, Chris Gorychka, Diane Mazuca, Mav Turner, Linda Gebhard, Eric Malnassy, Scott Hendrix, Charles Moody (attended by phone) and Kari Moore.

Also present were Jim Sargent, Parish Administrator, Rector the Rev. Chuck Treadwell, the Rev. Katie Wright, and the Rev. Michael Horvath.

Senior Warden Shiloh Fallon called the meeting to order, and Fr. Chuck led the group through the opening sentences of the Compline service.

Fr. Chuck recognized and thanked the departing Vestry members whose terms are expiring.

Shiloh informed the Vestry that Next to New has made \$20,000 available for community outreach grants. She introduced a recommendation from the Grants Committee for Community Outreach that the Vestry award two community outreach grants in the amount of \$10,000 each from the available funds, the grantees to be approved by the Vestry after the Committee's evaluation and recommendation. After discussion, Shiloh moved to call the question, which was unanimously approved. The recommendation from the Committee was then unanimously approved.

Diane made a motion to amend the minutes of the November 23 meeting to correct the spelling of her name. The minutes were approved as amended.

Fr. Chuck gave his Rector's report. He reminded the Vestry of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 27. There will be a special Vestry meeting immediately after the Parish meeting in the Vestry conference room at which the Vestry will elect officers and draw straws to determine which incoming Vestry member will serve a one year term.

Fr. Chuck informed the Vestry that Peter Hahn is retiring. Plans are underway to celebrate his service. Rebecca Davis will now be in charge of the front desk.

Fr. Chuck distributed the 2018 Parochial Report to the Vestry. Michael noted that we need to amend his ordination date and date called to 2017. After discussion, Shiloh moved to accept the report as amended, Diane seconded, and the Report was unanimously approved.

Fr. Chuck explained that he is looking at a goal setting, accountability and strategic planning tool for St. David's. He will be meeting with a small group to assess a possible tool that has been identified.

Fr. Chuck asked for volunteers to coordinate food for the Vestry Retreat with Chef Ray and other Vestry members. Martha and Eric volunteered to handle this.

Jim gave a presentation on the proposed 2019 Budget. Treasurer Charles Moody introduced a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the 2019 Budget. After discussion, the 2019 Budget was unanimously approved.

Charles then introduced the following recommendation from the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee recommends that the Vestry:

1. Direct the Parish Administrator to place the operating surplus for 2018 in a new designated account to be known as the Designated Reserve Account once the amount of the surplus has been determined; and
2. Direct the Parish Administrator to fund the Designated Reserve Account over the course of 2019, at a pace that he deems reasonable for cash management, in the amount of \$275,000, or, if higher, the amount of the operations surplus for 2019, on or before February 15, 2020.

After discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved.

Jim gave his Parish Administrator's Report. Jim informed the Vestry that certain real property located in Hansford County, Texas in which St. David's holds an undivided interest has been sold, and the Vestry must authorize the sale in order to receive its share of the funds. Jim confirmed that the property was sold for an amount higher than its appraised value. Shiloh moved to approve the Resolution of the Vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas, Granting Signing Authority to Conduct Business, which had been distributed to the Vestry previously by email. Mav seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

Jim gave the Stewardship Report. As of January 21, we have received 327 pledges in a total amount of \$1.459 million, down slightly from this time last year.

Mav gave an update on the Capital Campaign, informing the Vestry that the Campaign has received pledges that total 91% of the campaign goal. Shiloh encouraged Vestry members to participate in one of the Campaign phone-a-thons to parishioners.

Jim informed the Vestry that the sound equipment in Bethell Hall and Crail Hall is no longer functioning, and will be replaced or repaired as necessary.

Shiloh gave an update on the Building Committee. The Committee has formed subcommittees to talk to stakeholders within the St. David's building to inventory what maintenance and repair items are needed. She informed the Vestry that the funds borrowed from the Foundation to pay for consultant fees have been repaid from Capital Campaign funds.

Fr. Chuck and the Vestry thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service and friendship.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Moore
Clerk