

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David's Vestry  
June 25, 2019**

Vestry Attendance: Doug Bell, Christine Burdell, Linda Gebhard, Scott Hendrix, Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Sarah Kapostasy, Martha Newton, Eric Malnassy, Kari Moore, Lee Parker, Joy Philpott, and Martha Salazar

Also present were Rector the Rev. Chuck Treadwell, Parish Administrator Jim Lamm, Curate Cameron Spoor, and Vicki Knipp.

Senior Warden Kari Moore called the meeting to order. Fr. Chuck introduced Vicki Knipp, Jim Lamm, and Cameron Spoor, and led the group through the opening sentences of the Compline service.

Fr. Chuck presented information about Vicki Knipp's Diaconate candidacy. Joy Philpott made a motion to support Vicki's candidacy to the Diaconate. Scott Hendrix seconded the motion. Vicki shared her background and explained she will be a Vocational Deacon, which does not transition to a Priest. She will start at St. Christopher's in September. The Vestry voted and the motion passed.

The Vestry approved the May 28, 2019 minutes.

Fr. Chuck presented his Rector's Report. He asked Jim Lamm, Parish Administrator, and Cameron Spoor, Curate, to further introduce themselves. Jim spent five years at Good Shepherd and at Catholic churches before that. He was also at seminary for four years. Cameron will be responsible for outreach ministry. He will attend Curate Camp once per month and help with the men's retreat.

Fr. Chuck shared the letter to the Canon to the Ordinary for Lay Preacher licensing for informational purposes. For example, this will permit Molly Bennett to preach.

Next, Fr. Chuck shared personnel updates. Sarah Cannon joined Jenny Campbell and will assist with Acolytes. Ellen Jockusch will assist Rebecca Hall with the Abby website, which will launch in mid-July. Alicia Sanchez is the new director of the front desk. She will help to manage scheduling and greeting.

Next, Fr. Chuck shared a Traction update. The process is going well and the Executive Team is beginning to meet. He presented a resolution to adopt cause and niche language (Addendum A). The cause is what we are here to do and the niche is the segment we are trying to reach. Martha Newton moved to accept and Eric Malnassy seconded. After a brief discussion about niche and the Episcopalian connection, the motion passed.

Fr. Chuck explained that all services are covered for the summer. Full-time clergy will not be present for three Sundays, but Fr. Chad McCall and Bob Gribble will be here. Kari is in charge in Chuck's absence.

Lee Parker presented the Finance Committee Report in Chris Gorychka's absence. The committee recommended changing the controller role to an accounting manager, and the position was posted.

Revenue continues to decline compared to last year. Pledge payments are behind, but cash flow is fine and we are not in danger of running a deficit budget. May month-to-date numbers are similar to last year. The committee will continue to monitor the data and report back.

Kari introduced old and new business. First, staff involved with accounting and hospitality will receive systems training.

Second, Kari presented a resolution appointing Robert Sumners to the St. David's Church Foundation Board (Addendum B). Eric moved to accept the resolution and Linda seconded. The motion passed.

Last, the next Vestry Meeting is July 23, 2019. Fr. Chuck and Linda will be in Malawi.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Burdell  
Clerk

## ADDENDUM A

i. Consideration of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in connection with the implementation of the Traction operating system at St. David's by the staff, the Vestry Hereby:

(a) Adopts the following language as St. David's cause: "Connecting people to God, one another, and the world, from downtown Austin."

(b) Adopts the following language as St. David's niche: "Creating expansive opportunities to experience and share the love of Christ."

## ADDENDUM B

Resolution appointing Robert Sumners to the St. David's Church Foundation Board.

WHEREAS, Don DeGrasse, a beloved member of the St. David's Church Foundation Board, died on June 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recommended that the Vestry appoint Robert Sumners to fulfill the remainder of Don DeGrasse's term;

NOW THEREFORE, the Vestry hereby resolves as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry hereby recognizes and expresses their deep appreciation for the valuable contributions made by Don DeGrasse to the St. David's Church Foundation Board during his term; and

RESOLVED, that the Vestry hereby appoints and approves Robert Sumners to the St. David's Church Foundation Board to serve the remainder of Don DeGrasse's term, which expires on February 21, 2020.