Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David’s Vestry
November 26, 2019

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

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

Senior Warden Kari Moore called the meeting to order and Fr. Chuck led the group through the opening sentences of the Compline service.

The Vestry approved the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting.

Chris Gorychka presented the Finance Committee report. She encouraged all Vestry members to attend the December 11, 2019 Finance Committee meeting, so that everyone will be prepared for the regular Vestry meeting on December 16, 2019.

Next, Chris asked Jim Lamm to discuss the October Financial Report. As of November 26, both the total number of pledges and the total amount pledged are running behind last year. Although, the average individual pledge amount has increased. April Kerwin is working to secure additional pledges and she will continue to monitor the progress. The Vestry discussed pledge trends and other possible explanations for the decrease.

Next, Jim highlighted a few non-standard items on the Financial Report and provided explanations. He also noted that the Rotary may no longer meet at St. David’s, which could impact the 2020 budget. Jim and Ray Trono are working hard to keep the Rotary at St. David’s including making garage parking improvements and negotiating catering. The parking improvements will reduce the total number of spaces available for sale, but parking rate increases will make up the difference.

Next, Jim shared that the Travis Sheriff’s Department will require us to contract two officers instead of one for safety reasons. Premier will pay for the second officer. Jim concluded by sharing that he is revisiting budgets with staff to see if he can find additional cost savings. We are also discontinuing our accounting consultant’s services.

Kari recommended that the Vestry should work toward creating a three to six-month reserve fund to prepare for possible future expenses such as unexpected building repairs. We do not currently have funds in reserve.

Father Chuck gave his Rector’s Report. Bishop Ryan’s visit went well and he thanked everyone for participating. He read Bishop Ryan’s thank you note. He also thanked Lori and Holt for their help with the materials.

The Narnia party was a great success with 80 attendees. Holy Grounds cosponsored the event. Narnia will be the theme for Christmas and Advent.
Father Chuck will be working more with the St. David’s Hospital Foundation, since his work with Sewanee has concluded. Although, he may attend the Chaplain’s installation.

He announced his upcoming schedule and invited everyone to his White Elephant Advent party and the Vestry Retreat. He concluded by encouraging all to be mindful of the Advent season. There are resources available in Holy Grounds and a class started last week during the formation hour.

Kari gave a Building Committee update. The subcommittee selected a design team and the Vestry will vote on the selection at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

The next Vestry meeting is on December 16, 2019. Other upcoming dates include:

- December 11, 6 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting, Guild Parlor
- December 14, 6 p.m. – Advent Party, Treadwell Home
- February 28-March 1 – Vestry Retreat, Tyrolia

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Burdell
Clerk