Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David’s Vestry
January 21, 2020

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

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

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 December 16, 2019 meeting.

Fr. Chuck recognized the exiting Vestry members and thanked them for their service: Senior Warden Kari Moore, Junior Warden Mav Turner, Treasurer Chris Gorychka, and Scott Hendrix.

Jim Lamm Presented the Finance Committee Report, beginning with the following resolution. Joy Philpott moved to consider the resolution, Linda Gebhard seconded, and the resolution passed:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorizes the Parish Administrator to enter into an agreement with Wells Fargo to establish a line of credit on behalf of the church in an amount not to exceed $300,000; provided, however, that the church may not borrow funds for more than 30 days without prior Vestry approval.

Next, Jim reviewed the December Financial Report. We received a good number of pledge payments and offertory collections in December. We also received more stock gifts this year. The surplus will go into the reserve fund. The electric bill is down 35% for the year. We will use the additional money generated from the garage to pay for garage improvements.

Lee moved for the Vestry to consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee to adopt the budget for 2020. Eric seconded and a brief discussion followed. The committee recommends a balanced budget, which estimates for lower pledges and lower garage revenues. The budget includes a modest cost of living raise for all staff. The Vestry passed the 2020 budget.

Fr. Chuck presented his Rector’s Report. The annual meeting will be on January 26 followed by a Vestry meeting to elect officers. We will celebrate milestone years-of-service for staff members. We will also elect a new slate of Vestry members.

Next, Fr. Chuck gave an update on the Day School. We had a surprise visit from the state licensing agency and received a score of 100%. The interim head of the school is doing well. Sarah is serving on the search committee for a permanent leader. We will make an offer by March. There will be a school board training session in the spring. 80 children are anticipated in the fall.

Fr. Chuck shared that last Sunday was the final 11:20 a.m. service.
Bishop Alinafe will visit during the same weekend as the Eckhardt Series and a number of events are being planned for him.

The Diocesan Council will be February 7-8. CEEP is February 19-21 in Louisville, KY. Sarah Ponder will present about sustainable investments. Jeanie Garrett will present about safety. Katie will attend “Rooted in Jesus” in Atlanta tomorrow morning, where Rebecca will present.

Fr. Chuck will take a sabbatical this summer.

Kari gave a Building Committee update. We hired Ford, Powell, and Carson (FPC) as the design team and will hire a contractor soon. FPC will take over the project manager role from Square One. We will start construction in early 2021.

Next, Kari gave an elevator update. We hired a firm to complete repairs and provide ongoing service. The repairs will take between 12-16 weeks. We have a plan to transport people to the back elevators in the interim.

Sarah moved that the Vestry consider the following recommendation from the Grants Committee for Community Outreach. Joy seconded and the resolution passed:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry will make three community outreach grants in the amount of $10,000 each, with the grantees to be approved by the Vestry upon evaluation by and recommendation from the Grants Committee for Community Outreach

Martha moved for the Vestry to consider the following resolution regarding the 2019 Parochial Report. Linda seconded. The resolution passed with an amendment to change Dan to California:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry hereby approves the attached 2019 Parochial Report

Next, Kari shared that the Rotary will no longer have its meetings at St. David’s. We may add a Tuesday lunch in their absence.

Next, the Vestry learned about a new year-long initiative call Better Together, which will start during lent. The goal will be to increase attendance and participation.

Upcoming dates:

January 26, Annual Meeting
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January 31, Ordination of Minerva Skeith at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church
February 1-2, Eckhardt Series
February 28-March 1, Vestry Retreat at Tyrolia (volunteers are needed to organize food)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Burdell
Clerk