

St. David's Regular Vestry Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015

Attendance: Ed Sharpe, Katie Wright, Jennifer Scariano, Marc Bove, Frana Keith, Rosera Larkins, Robert Sumners, Anthony Chapple, Pete Rose, Mark Warner, Ellen Jockusch, Alison Riemersma, Minerva Camarena Skeith, Lowell Keig, Don DeGrasse

Other members present: Terry Nathan, parish administrator

The senior warden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The associate rector led in prayer.

The minutes of the December 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

Reports

Stewardship

Lowell Keig distributed the stewardship report. We have received pledges from 459 households totaling \$1,782,330. Discussion. The response to the stewardship announcements over the past two weeks has been encouraging. Parishioners seem to have appreciated the information. It was suggested that we consider tailoring the message to the various services.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee recommends that the chairs of the Parish profile committee be Marc Bove and Cissy Warner, and that they be empowered to recruit steering committee members. **Approved.**

The farewell committee, chaired by Cathryn Dorsey, has been active. Frana Keith reported on plans for the celebration. The theme is "Happy Trails." A letter will come from the vestry inviting parishioners to the event on Feb. 15 and to contribute to the purse. A memory book will be assembled.

Associate Rector

Katie Wright reported that Peter Casparian will serve 3 Sundays per month.

Finance

Don DeGrasse distributed a finance committee report. Revenue assumptions were discussed. It is clear that it is crucial to have open communication with parishioners about the church's financial position. The revenue figure chosen based on available and historic data re: pledge discount is three per cent. Next step is to match expenses to revenue. If the garage is repaid from reserves, reserves will be depleted. There was discussion of expense line items. Search will be funded off-budget by the St. David's Foundation. Thanks were expressed to Don for his continued hard work on finance. The importance of shared governance was discussed. Frana Keith expressed that it is very important to have contact with every parishioner throughout the year that doesn't involve asking for money.

The communication to the parish is that we are committed to being financially responsible and bringing structural changes into the budget that will yield results. Thank parishioners for their response so far. Giving more and better information is helping. Robert Sumners was asked to review the diocesan assessment formula.

The date of the Vestry retreat depends on the availability of Mary MacGregor; February 21 or 28.

Pete Rose offered the closing reflection.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Scariano

Notes by Alison Riemersma