

## ST. DAVID'S VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2015

Attendance: Senior Warden Lowell Keig, Junior Warden Minerva Camerena Skeith, Frana Keith Don DeGrasse, Rosera Larkin, Nan Hazel, Gustavo Hernandez, Kris Monson, Mark Warner, Janet Sawyer, Anthony Chapple, Mike Gerber, Eric Leibrock, Jennifer Glass, Robert Sumners.

Also present: Associate Rector Katie Wright, Parish Administrator Terry Nathan, Madeline Shelton-Wright

The Senior Warden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Katie led us in prayer.

The first order of business was the Vestry's unanimous statement of continuing support for Madeline Shelton-Wright's candidacy to become a priest of the church. All Vestry members signed a letter acknowledging their support for Madeline.

Next the Vestry approved minutes for the meetings of February 17, February 28 and March 11, 2015.

The next item on the Agenda was the Stewardship report from Janet Sawyer. Janet reported that the 2015 pledge total currently stood at \$1,879,000, which is very near our projected goal of \$1,900,000.

Next, Don reported that the Finance Committee will be looking at the budget closely in the next two months and may propose some mid-year budget adjustments. He also suggested that the St. David's budget be placed on our website, along with quarterly updates in simplified form.

The next item of business was the consideration of a suggestion by Duana Cisney that St. David's hire a member of the Episcopal Service Corp. to help with the youth program. Mark Warner moved that we do so. Frana seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gustavo then gave a report on the work being done by the Parish Profile Committee. Gustavo moved that we hire Holy Cow Consulting to help us with the Parish Survey. Eric seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Minerva moved that we schedule a Parish visioning event for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Nan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Robert reported that an issue had been raised with regard to whether appropriate conflict of interest disclosures had been made at the November 26, 2014, Vestry meeting prior to the Vestry's decision to renew our membership in Austin Interfaith. Robert moved that pursuant to the suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese a re-vote be conducted with appropriate disclosures being made. Robert then announced those disclosures and no one stated that they had a conflict of interest with regard to Austin Interfaith. After further discussion eleven Vestry members voted to continue our membership in Austin Interfaith with the dues being paid from a separate dedicated fund to which anyone could contribute. One member opposed the motion, and there were three abstentions.

The next item of business was a discussion of the St. David's core values, which had been reviewed at the Vestry retreat. It was decided that the list of core values which had been decided on through a parish discernment process should remain as originally stated.

Next, Robert moved that the email addresses for members of the Vestry should be placed on the St. David's website along with a Vestry email address which would forward messages to all Vestry members. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of business was a motion by Janet that Molly Sharpe be named to the Board of the St. David's Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Minerva Skeith reported on the new St. David's Shepherds program. She said that it will involve pastoral calls by Vestry members and others to the entire congregation. Hopefully it will be in place by May.

There being no further business, Katie closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

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Robert Sumners, Clerk