

St. David's Called Vestry Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2015

Attendance: Don DeGrasse, Janet Sawyer, Robert Sumners, Kris Monson, Gustavo Hernandez, Mike Gerber, Minerva Camarena Skeith, Mark Warner, Eric Leibrock, Rosera Larkins, Pete Rose, Lowell Keig, David Boyd, Katie Wright

Excused: Anthony Chapple, Frana Keith, Nan Hazel

The rector called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to elect wardens and officers in advance of the next regular vestry meeting/retreat.

Pete Rose moved to affirm the rector's appointment of Lowell Keig as senior warden. Approved.

Nominations were requested for junior warden. Duties were discussed. Nominations were made: Robert Sumners, Minerva Camarena Skeith. Ballots were distributed. While the ballots were counted, there was discussion of how the vestry will choose who will serve 2-year and 3-year terms. It was decided that newly-elected members will draw lots when all are present. The first vote resulted in a tie. It was suggested that lots be drawn for the position of junior warden. Discussion. Pete Rose moved that the rules for voting be suspended. The motion was tabled until the full vestry can meet.

Pete Rose moved that Don DeGrasse continue serving as treasurer. It was moved that the treasurer be elected by acclamation. Approved.

There was discussion of when to meet to elect officers. The consensus was to have a called meeting sooner than the February meeting or retreat. It was suggested that the meeting be declared in recess until the full vestry can be present, Feb. 1, 10:20 am. The positions of Junior Warden and clerk will be filled at that time.

Vestry pins were distributed to the new members and statements were signed. Statements on tithing will be reviewed by the executive committee.

The senior warden clarified that the retreat will focus on pre-search activities. It will be too soon to choose the search committee. The search budget will be set. The retreat will be either Feb. 21 or 28. New vestry members need to receive copies of From Rector to Rector.

It was suggested that the retreat not be concluded until the 2015 budget is finalized. Don DeGrasse requested that further suggestions for reductions be sent to him. Don will bring new members up to speed on the status of the budget before the retreat. It was noted that in the past provisional budgets have been approved. Don stated that the vestry must be committed to preparing a balanced budget.

Robert Sumners suggested that vestry members meet informally more often to get to know each other and build trust.

The rector declared the meeting in recess until reconvened by the senior warden on Feb. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Riemersma