

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Vestry Attendance: Senior Warden Robert Sumners, Junior Warden Gustavo Hernandez, Nan Hazel, Kari Moore, Diane Mazuca, Eric Leibrock, Janet Sawyer, Mike Gerber, Kris Monson, Shiloh Daniel, Jennifer Glass, Paul Brownell and Charles Moody

Also present: Rev. Chuck Treadwell, Caleb Roberts, and Terry Nathan. Heidi Trevithick, Amanda Wischkaemper, and Jenny Campbell were also present for the first part of the meeting.

Robert called the meeting to order. Chuck led the Vestry in the opening sentences of the Compline service.

Amanda Wischkaemper and Jenny Campbell presented an overview of Children and Youth Programs at St. David's. Amanda explained the variety of programs for children and youth within St. David's. She explained that the children's ministry serves children through the 5th grade and the youth program serves 6th graders through high school. Amanda says that the programs need more volunteer support, specifically for the 9 am children ministry and Vacation Bible School. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is "safety-pinned" together for this year, but is an important mission and will likely need some additional investment next year for training new catechists. The Vestry discussed the possibility of paying Sunday School teachers at some point in the future.

Jenny Campbell provided an update on youth programs. She and the youth just completed a major makeover of the youth room, thanks to funding from Next to New. She has led a variety of ad-hoc events such as a swimming social and a hike. The Sunday Formation group meets together for a fun activity and then someone reads the lesson or gospel. After the reading, the groups split into middle school and high school sub-groups for discussion. There is a lot of enthusiasm in the middle school cohort. High school is still struggling to develop trust and comfort as a group. Jenny needs more volunteer support on Sunday evening EYC, but Rick Patrick and Chef Ray are helping a lot. The youth plan to do holiday decorating for Trinity Center and Jenny is planning pairs of dinners for the youth—one in North Austin and one in South Austin—to increase the sense of community. She is using art projects and posting art on Facebook and suggested that the youth might create designs for t-shirts, bags, and other goods that might be sold as money-raising projects.

Heidi Trevithick gave a report on the current garage contracts and income. She discussed the current garage planning for 2017 and the tradeoff between expanding event capabilities by reserving spaces in the garage and the reduced garage revenue that would result. She said that the stairwell repairs in the garage next year are going to be expensive. She also discussed the recent criminal activity in the garage and the need for continued security.

Amanda, Jenny, and Heidi then left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were approved as corrected.

Eric said that there was nothing to report from the property committee. The contractor bids have been delayed. Therefore the property committee will meet during the week of October 24. Grace Parlor renovations are still underway.

Terry Nathan and Mike Gerber gave the finance committee report. Terry said that the budgeting process is under way. Mike Gerber said the goal is to bring a budget to the vestry for first review in November. Robert Summers reported that the pledges were accidentally overstated due to a data entry error. The shortfall in the annual budget was restated to \$115,391.24. This shortfall will probably impact cashflow in early 2017. Gus, however, pointed out that this year's pledges are being paid on time. He said he was optimistic about the church's financial condition. The Vestry noted that Gus's optimism on this topic was a first!

Father Chuck opened his Rector's Report with report on his 2-day staff development meetings. He and Terry agreed that the staff meetings went very well. The staff had reviewed the Continuum of Mission and found it very helpful. Father Chuck is scheduling a special discussion Wednesday, November 9, from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm for Vestry review and discussion of the Continuum of Mission.

Chuck reported that he is going to need knee surgery on Halloween and will be on crutches for about 6 weeks.

Chuck and Chris invited the Vestry to an Advent Party on Saturday, December 10, 6-9 pm. He warned the Vestry that there would be a game or two.

Kari and Janet are taking on the signage problem at the church. The Vestry expressed its gratitude.

There was a brief report on Next to New's construction of new space for the store. It is, of course, behind schedule, but we hope that there will still be opportunities for St. David's to hold a churchwide volunteer day or two at the store before the holiday season begins.

It was agreed that there were no action items for this Vestry meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Vestry will be on Tuesday November 15, 2016.

Chuck led the Vestry in the closing prayers of Compline and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanneska Hazel, Clerk of the Vestry