

## ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Rev. Chuck Treadwell and Rev. Katie Wright

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

The Vestry reviewed the minutes of the August meeting. The minutes were approved as drafted.

Eric presented a short property report. The Property Committee has not yet received bids from contractors but expects to receive bids from 5 contractors in the middle of October. Those bids will include costs of the work and guidelines for protecting the church structure during renovation. A Property Subcommittee will meet and select the best bid to present to the Vestry at the October meeting for Vestry approval.

Chuck announced that the “brides room” will be repainted and have a new floor covering put in. The new name of this room will be the Grace Parlor,” to emphasize that it can be used for any occasion and not just for weddings.

Mike was not able to be at the Vestry meeting so Robert reviewed the finance report. The Vestry expects that it will be able to cover the current deficit of \$63,908.24 by income from the garage or from increased congregational giving. There is actually a positive balance, year-to-date, of \$96,936.78, which is higher than last year at this time. The finance committee will work on the budget when Terry Nathan comes back from vacation in October. The projected budget will be based on the church receiving approximately \$2,000,000 in pledges--a 6% increase in pledge size—and bringing the percentage of pledging households up to 60%. The budget being developed will cover current costs and give a 2% cost of living raise to staff. The staff will meet to review costs of their areas to see whether costs can be cut or if certain areas of work need increased allocated funds.

The Vestry voted to appoint new members to the Warm Heart Int'l Board of Directors.

The Rector gave his report. He said that he had participated in a meeting of fathers who were holding a series of discussions on parenting from the father's point of view. That meeting is preserved as pod cast #49 @dadsondoody.com. Chuck discussed use of the diocesan Continuum on Mission and asked the Vestry to review that document to determine what the church's common direction is and how we will know that we are succeeding.

Chuck announced that the staff was stable. He will be looking for a curate to come to St. David's in May of 2017. He also announced that George McGonigle would like to set up a

Warden's Guild of former Junior and Senior Wardens to serve as advisors for the Rector on important issues.

Chuck went over his schedule for the next month.

Katie and Chuck reminded the Vestry that vestry members are required to complete the Safeguarding God's People program. The next class is scheduled for October 9.

The Vestry reviewed the 10 proposed new members of the Children's Committee (formerly the Children's Vestry). The Vestry approved the new members and formally approved changing the name of the group to the Children's Committee.

Robert announced that Amanda and Jenny would be speaking to the Vestry next month. He asked for someone to volunteer to take over the task of reviewing signage in the church but no one was able to assume that responsibility. Robert will continue to search for a volunteer.

Robert discussed the ongoing security issues with the garage and the need to decide whether the garage should be operated so as to maximize income (i.e. by renting all available spaces) or whether St. David's should reserve some spaces for mid-week and special church activities. The staff has been asked to make a recommendation as to how to balance income—which St. David's needs—and the need for available parking for funerals or special events at the church. Robert also suggested that the 2017 budget will probably need to include more money for security.

Gus announced that Next to New would have money for only two grants in 2017. He will present a plan at the next meeting about whether St. David's can do a one-church-one-project event in 2017 that is not tied to the church's giving of grants in 2017. The 2016 one-church-one-project event of preparing Next to New's new space will still take place whenever the contractor finishes work on the shop's building.

Robert reported that the St. David's Day School has asked that it be allowed to have two nonparishioners on its Board. The School will probably present a request to that effect to the Vestry, and that request will also have to be approved by the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

Shiloh gave a report on her work developing a St. David's app for parishioners' smart phones.

The Vestry had a short discussion of the use of the lot across the street from St. David's. That space is still intended to be used for a commercial building that would also house the National Archives of the Episcopal Church, but the National Church is currently looking for a developer to partner with it in financing and constructing that building.

Robert announced that the Vestry Retreat will be held on March 3 and 4.

The Vestry's next meeting is October 18, 2016.

The Vestry's Action Items are:

- All Vestry members will review the parish profile in preparation for the Continuum of Mission planning instrument. That preparation may be done in small groups or individually.
- Kris Monson will present proposed changes to St David's Day School bylaws at the next meeting.
- St. David's 2016 One Church/One Project will be re-setting and re-configuring Next to New in December after the store's renovation is completed.
- Shiloh will continue work on developing a St. David's app for smart and analogue phones for use by parishioners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nanneska Hazel, Clerk of the Vestry