

# St. David's Episcopal Church

## Vestry Meeting

February 21, 2018

**Present:** Mary-Ester Arther, Mary Harbinsky, Pat Hodde, Kathy Kent, Lee Moody, Mike Roehrer, Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, The Rev. Jon Richardson, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton, Jennifer Trevisan.

**Excused:** Irene Williams

Mr. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. A quorum was established.

Mr. Roehrer opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Richardson spoke of his experiences with the Chicago Consultations and their work building bridges between the American and African Episcopal churches. He spoke of an experience in South Africa. He observed the door to understanding opening between the Americans and African members present as they got to know one another. He spoke of incarnational theology and how Christ is present in the times we sit in church.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### "The Three Ships": Membership, Discipleship, and Stewardship

#### Listening from the Congregation

- A member wondered if there was a way to illuminate the Lamb of God stained glass window. This member will be told there is a light switch in the sacristy for the window, which is usually turned on.

#### Outreach

Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm reported on the Outreach Committee.

- We will be sending money collected from the vouchers to five local food pantries that buy food items.
- The food pantries are St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Butler, Butler Methodist Church, Bloomingdale Methodist Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Milford, and Our Lady Queen of Peace in West Milford. The Kinnelon food pantry doesn't

purchase items for distribution. We will continue to support the Kinnelon food pantry with food and non food donations.

- Since January \$1075 has been collected from the sale of vouchers. We will send \$200 and a cover letter to each of the five food pantries selected.
- The funds in the RISE account have been sent to RISE.
- Debby McCracken volunteers with Up and Out in Denville. Up and Out works with children leaving the foster care system. The Outreach committee will obtain more information about Up and Out.
- Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm has consented to be the chairperson of the Outreach Committee.
- The next Committee meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Stewardship

Mr. Simonelli gave the Stewardship report.

- There was a \$2,426.66 profit from the Mardi Gras fundraiser.
- Next year the wine-pairing event will be scheduled for sometime in January.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> is the Fish and Chips dinner. Bakers are needed to make Toll House Cookies for dessert.
- The Time and Talent brunch will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and will “kick off” our Time and Talent Stewardship drive.

## Thanksgivings

- Thanksgivings were expressed for Jon and Michael coming to St. David's.
- Jon and Michael expressed their thanksgivings for the welcome from the whole parish.
- A year ago we heard of David's plans to retire. Thanksgivings were expressed for everyone's hard work and the Holy Spirit's guidance. We have made a very successful transition.
- Thanksgivings were expressed to Kathy and Steve Kent and their team for the Mardi Gras pairing event.

## Operations and Actions

**Agenda Ms.** Trevisan moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Minutes** The minutes for January 17, 2018 were amended to remove an additional 'e' from the word we in item two under Stewardship. Ms. Trevisan moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report

- Mrs. Kent moved to approve the treasure's report. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## Items for Approval

- Mrs. Hodde moved to combine the Van de Velde and Grieshaber memorial funds to be used to purchase new fair linen and altar items. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm moved to close the Rector's Discretionary Account and have whatever remains in the account and future contributions to the discretionary fund placed in Outreach. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to accept the Parochial Report as prepared. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Mr. Stanton moved to pay the Diocesan Pledge via ACH. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to approve the donation of a dishwasher from Mr. Simonelli. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm moved to approve the donation of a computer for the rector's office. Ms. Trevisan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mr. Stanton moved to approve in principle an additional lease for an 8 week summer camp sought by the After School program in the amount of \$2,100. Mrs. Hodde seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to approve the Vestry Housing Resolution for the Rev. Jon Richardson. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## Property Committee

Mr. Roehrer gave the Property Committee report.

- Options are being studied to obtain new tables and chairs for the Church Hall.
- The Eagle Scout has received approval for his Eagle project.
- The visibility of the driveway is a problem and final recommendations are being studied.
- The potholes in the loop driveway will be repaired.
- The Fire Inspector has determined the office double doors are not compliant with code. The property committee will research solutions.

- Hartford Steam Boilers during their inspection suggested insulating some of the pipes to increase efficiency. They also recommended installing a sump pump to prevent boiler damage from flooding.

## March Calendar

- March 20<sup>th</sup> Outreach Committee at 10 a.m.
- Every Friday the Priest's day off.
- Every Friday the church office will be closed
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Fish and Chips

The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary R. Harbinsky  
Clerk of the Vestry