

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

October 16, 2017

Present: Mary Esther Arthur, Mary Harbinsky, Pat Hodde, Kathy Kent, Lee Moody, Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, Mike Roehrer, John Simonelli, Jennifer Trevisan, Irene Williams

Excused: Marty Stanton

Senior Warden John Simonelli established a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Irene Williams opened the meeting with a prayer. Irene Williams, John Simonelli, Dale Wilhelm, and Jennifer Trevisan each shared events where they saw a sense of community or a moment of pleasant connection for our spiritual moment. Mr. Simonelli and Mrs. Wilhelm shared their sense of connection and the appreciation found in serving dinner at St. Paul's.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Listening from the Congregation

- Put the up coming events in the bulletin.
- Encourage everyone to wear their nametag during this time of transition.
- There is a need to develop a list of sanctuary instructions.
- The Rev. Liz Golub doesn't need the microphone when she preaches.
- What are the criteria for turning on the AC? The control needs to be moved from the lectern.

Guiding Team

The guiding team had nothing to report this meeting.

Stewardship

The Stewardship ingathering has received twenty-two commitment forms. Nineteen provided a dollar amount and the three others will give when they come to worship. The commitment received is \$75,720. There are twenty-two commitment forms

outstanding. October 22, 2017 is the deadline for the return of the forms. It was suggested that the Vestry Calling list be used to contact any outstanding members.

Outreach

Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm reported the following:

- The establishment of a community garden has been shelved for the present.
- She has been contacting or attempting to contact our clients and reported on her experiences.
- Shared an article about the buying power differential between \$1 given in a grocery card and \$1 given to a food bank.

The Vestry Instructed the Outreach Committee to address a mechanism for the congregation to fund any change in the approach to outreach. Currently, it is the congregation who funds the grocery cards.

Thanksgivings

- Thanksgivings were offered for Harry and Polly Barker for all they were and all they did for St. David's.
- Thanksgivings were offered to Tom Snyder for driving to Paterson to deliver the meal to St. Paul's
- Thanksgivings were offered to Steve Kent and the Music Director Search Committee for their work in finding a Music Director.

Vestry Goals

- The Vestry Goals were read and Ms. Trevisan made notes.
- The Vestry Goals will be reviewed during the Mutual Ministry Review, November 18, 20-17 from 9-2. Fr. Keith Gentry will be the facilitator. Mrs. Kent will bring breakfast. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm will provide sandwiches and Mrs. Harbinsky will provide soup.
- Attendance didn't drop off during the summer.
- It was suggested to ask St. Paul's if there are any additional ways we can help.
- It was suggested to report to the congregation the Sunday after serving dinner at St. Paul's.

Operations and Actions

- **Agenda Approval**

Mrs. Kent made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Trevisan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **September 2017 Minutes**
- Corrections to the Minutes:
 1. Page 3: t K-Fest's date was October 13th and 14th with a rain date of October 15th.
 2. Page 5 under Transition Team Update where it says John Simonelli replace with The Transition Team, Mrs. Kent and Mr. Stanton will be meeting with...
- Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simonelli reported that the format has been changed for the Quick Books report, grouping related income and expenses. The \$100 listed as an outreach expense is covering an expense formerly taken from the Rector's discretionary fund. \$100 was spent for grounds clean up and we received a good value.

Ms. Williams moved to accept the treasure's report as submitted. Ms. Trevisan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Property Report

Mr. Roehrer reported the following:

- Sunday, October 22 is the next Property Committee's meeting.
- Fall clean up is scheduled for November 11, 2017. A landscaper will be hired to assist in the clean up and funds will come from Alice Whitehead's restricted fund.
- Mr. Roehrer and Ms. Williams met with an Eagle Scout candidate who wants to repair and paint the large skylight room. He estimates that it will be a few months before the project is approved by the scout troop and district.
- The yellow jackets are still in the bush by the door.
- The covered walkway in the back has ceiling problems.

Music Director Search

We have a signed agreement with Salvatore Mallimo. Mr. Mallimo has a BA, MA and PhD in music and will start November 5, 2017.

Transition Team

Mr. Simonelli reported:

- The transition team, Mary Esther Arther, Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Kent met with Fr. Michael Muller and his wife, Liz, and

interviewed them. Fr. Muller stated that St. David's is an amazing congregation and he sees no need for an interim priest. He has since declined to be considered for any ministry at St. David's.

- The committee is also interviewing other candidates.
- The parish will be informed about Fr. Muller.

Calendar

Additions:

- Nov. 6th Book Club 7 p.m.
- Daylight Savings ends Nov. 5th

Ms. Trevisan moved to accept the November calendar as amended. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Vestry meeting ended in the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Harbinsky
Clerk