

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

November 15, 2017

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

Mrs. Arthur led the vestry in prayer in the chapel. Senior Warden John Simonelli declared there was a quorum at 6:50 p.m.

From 6:51 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. the vestry met in closed session.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Listening from the Congregation

- There has been some reluctance to pledge until we call a priest.
- Concern from 8 o'clock members there will not be enough people to support the 8 o'clock service. They can be reassured that the 8:00 service will resume once a priest is called.
- The Vestry was impressed by Guy's hard work especially after the Silent Auction. A Christmas bonus was suggested.
- The sign outside needs to be used to get people involved and kept informed of events.
- During this time of transition we need to wear name tabs.
- There is a need for visible access into any room with children. The covering on the door windows was a concern and the coverings have been removed.
- Upcoming church activities need to be in the Sunday bulletin.

Guiding Team

The guiding team had nothing to report this meeting.

Stewardship

- There are 5 outstanding 2018 pledges from parishioners who pledged in 2017.
- Total amount pledged so far for 2018 is \$111,040 vs. \$126,860 for 2017.

- We have a surplus resulting from several months we didn't have to pay a music minister and 5 months we didn't pay a full time rector.
- Some have suggested we cut the rector's salary. This is not in line with diocesan guidelines.
- While there is a suggestion to decrease our diocesan pledge, it is not wise since we have benefited from diocesan grants.
- Using the endowment fund to make up a short fall is not a viable long-term solution.
- There is a strong likelihood we will have to go back and ask the congregation to prayerfully reconsider their pledge.
- Budget and Finance will try to meet Nov. 20h.
- The budget forum is scheduled for Dec. 10th.
- The diocese is asking us to pledge by December 1st and to increase our pledge, neither of which is possible.

Outreach

Mrs. Papas-Wilhelm reported the following:

- We will continue providing grocery cards to our clients through 2017.
- Pending vestry approval St. David's will not provide grocery cards to our outside clients beginning in 2018.
- Grocery cards for St. David's parishioners who we are helping and the Pakistani woman will be paid from the Outreach Fund.
- St. David's will continue to provide medical help (inhaler) but will require a receipt.
- In 2018 we will redirect our grocery funds to local food banks with vestry approval.
- Funds will be collected at the grocery card sale but buyers will receive a chit to indicate donation instead of a grocery card.

Thanksgivings

- For Guy Baskinger
- All those involved in the Beefsteak dinner and Silent Auction
- The clean up crew on Saturday
- Nancy Moody's return to the alto section

Mutual Ministry Review

The mutual ministry review will be November 18th from 9 to 2. Fr. Keith Gentry, rector of St. Michael's Wayne, will facilitate the day.

Operations and Actions

- **Agenda Approval**

Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **October 16, 2017 Vestry Minutes**

- Correction: On page one Rev. Golum should be Rev. Liz Golub.
- Ms. Trevisan move to accept the minutes as corrected. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Donations have been received in Polly Barker's memory. The family requests the donations be used for outreach. The funds will be placed in the Outreach Fund.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to accept the treasurer's report. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Due to the circumstances of this transition period St. David's diocesan pledge will be sent to the diocese by the first of the year.

Property Committee Report

Mr. Roehrer reported the following:

- The committee met on October 22nd.
- Twelve volunteers came for the fall clean up. The memorial garden was trimmed, weeded and mulched. The front planting beds were weeded. Three people cleaned and polished the pews.
- Mr. Roehrer was thanked for his coordination.
- The yellow jackets have ceased to be a problem with the cold weather.
- The annual leaf clean-up will be scheduled in the next two weeks.
- Three Seasons has been contacted for a contract for snow removal.
- The Eagle Scout project is now awaiting the review and approval from the Boy Scout organization.

Items for Approval

- Mr. Stanton moved to approve the Christmas Outreach letter. Mr. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- Mr. Stanton moved to term Rev. Liz Golub's stipend as housing allowance. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm moved to approve the proposed St. David's signboard policy (see below). Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mr. Stanton moved that we again collect gifts for the children of inmates. Ms. Trevisan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mr. Stanton moved that we collect gift cards so our clients can obtain Christmas gifts. Ms. Trevisan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

December Calendar

- December 17th a reception/dinner at the church for the carolers to follow the caroling.
- Dec. 12th Outreach meeting at 10 a.m.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to dispense with the 9:30 service on Christmas Eve and have only the 5 p.m. service. Mrs. Pappas-Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The greening of the church will be Dec. 23rd.
- Ms. Trevisan moved to accept the calendar as corrected. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Harbinsky
Clerk of the Vestry

St. David's Sign Board Policy

- The same message should appear on both sides, including upcoming events
- St. David's events are to take precedence over community events
- St. David's events are to get posted for 3 consecutive weeks prior to the event
- Where applicable, food offerings should be emphasized (e.g. Beefsteak, Wine or Beer Paring, Fish & Chips)