

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

May 15, 2019

Present: Mary-Esther Arther, Pat Hodde, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Nancy Moody, Jon Richardson, Mike Roehrer, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton.

Absent: Mary Harbinsky

The Rev. Jon Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Kathy Kent opened the meeting with a prayer for justice.

Welcome to guest clerk Sondra Odian

Inspirational Moment: Pat Hodde was touched by families who both received and donated organs. She emphasized how important it is to understand how critical the need for organ transplant donations is to thousands of people in need.

Agenda Approval: John Simonelli moved to accept the Agenda. Marty Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

April Minutes Approval: A typo error (roomo) was pointed out in the misspelling of "room" in item 4 under "Listening from the Congregation". A motion made by Kathy Kent to accept the minutes with the correction, was seconded by Marty Stanton and carried.

Listening from the congregation:

- Several congregants said they missed the traditional processional in the Palm Sunday service. Others liked the way we processed.
- There were concerns regarding being able to hear the "Joys and Concerns".
- Mold in the basement and sacristy is a concern.
- Ponding of rainwater in the parking lot.

- Rainwater from the gutter and downspout is causing a problem at the entrance to the church.

Stewardship: John Simonelli reported that the Fish & Chips fund-raiser netted \$600. Next year's Fish & Chips dinner has been scheduled for March 14, 2020.

The Stewardship Commission has proposed a fund-raiser Wine and Cheese Pairing on July 13th, 4-6 p.m. with tickets at \$25. Discussion followed with a motion and second to accept the proposal. The motion was carried unanimously.

Other events:

- Recognition Sunday and Pentecost, Hegg Awards - June 9th
- A Wine & Cheese Pairing fellowship event on July 13th
- Parish Pot Luck BBQ - August 9th
- Thrill of the Grill – September 7th
- Beefsteak and Silent Auction – October 26th
- A Christmas Carol – December 7th
- 2020 Fish & Chips, March 14th
- 2020 Plant Sale, May 9th

Plant Sale: Mike Roehrer reported that there were fewer orders this year but was pleased with the net profit of \$1,438. The delivery time with the grower had been switched from Friday evening to early morning on Saturday, and it made the process a lot easier, in spite of the rain. It meant handling the plants one less time and not having to store them overnight indoors. Planting the grounds around the church was done the same day by a dedicated team of volunteers. Debbie and Mike Roehrer were thanked for their annual managing of the plant sale.

Thanksgivings:

- For Michael Kidney for repotting the palms for use next year on Palm Sunday, and also for his work on the office transfer for Jon Richardson.

- For the Altar Guild for all the Easter season altar changes and flowering.
- For Gill for the many bulletins, Time and Talent Booklet and all that she does.
- For all the hands that prepared and served the Pascal Meal for Maundy Thursday.
- For the choir, readers, servers and congregants at each of the services.
- For Sondra Odian serving as acting Vestry clerk.

Quickbook Reports for April: The reports were approved as presented. Bonnie Hook continues to refine, update and improve the reporting. Ed Horton continues to act as consultant. Mary Esther Arther reported that there is a slight decline on the bottom line, but not a crisis. There are still pledge donations to come in, and unexpected maintenance expenses.

Final Agreement Letter with Jon Richardson: The Diocese needed to make some changes to the paperwork we had initially submitted. As of April 18th, a fully executed copy of the Letter of Agreement between the Rev. Jon M. Richardson and St. David's Church, Kinnelon was issued, making Jon officially our rector.

Celebration of New Ministry Update: Rev. Jon Richardson will be "celebrated" in September or October. The Diocese will confirm a date as soon as possible.

Property Committee Report: Mike Roehrer reported:

- Spring Cleanup included pruning and weeding church entry area and Memorial Garden; basement storage room was cleared of many items, but more "recycling" needed; handicapped bathroom door was polyurethaned and door frame primed and painted.
- Emergency Issues: Septic system and plumbing issues. The Rectory and Sexton's house septic tanks should be followed up on.
- Rectory refrigerator needs replacing and an anonymous donation has been made to cover the cost.
- Works in Progress: focus will now return to these issues.

- In an effort to salvage the sign from the front of the church, it will be taken to American Woodcarving.

Vote re: plumbing repairs: Major plumbing repairs as well as several septic tank pumpings took place this month, with possibly more necessary. Renters have been reminded that the plumbing system is delicate and reminders need to be made to their clients and children. An estimated expenditure of about \$4,000 is expected. Kathy Kent moved to retroactively approve all expenses, seconded by John Simonelli and carried. It was suggested by Mary Esther Arther that all plumbing bills be paid from the Whitehead bequest, which is specifically for grounds maintenance.

Staff Performance Reviews & Rector/Vestry Dialogue:

Vestry members are asked to email any comments they might have about our staff (Gill Otto, Guy Baskinger, and Sal Mallimo) to Jon Richardson and John Simonelli, who will be performing staff reviews next month. All agreed that the rector/vestry dialogue is ongoing, resulting in part from the annual mutual ministry review.

David P. Hegg Committee Report: Marty Stanton announced that a few people were nominated for the Hegg Award for 2019. By consensus, two congregants were chosen; Caroline Mossip and Ed Horton. They will be informed and asked if they are willing to accept the nomination and if they are available on June 9th. Their names will be announced to the congregation once they have accepted.

June Calendar:

- Correction made on date of the last week of the month
- Added to calendar: Project Linus; The Hegg Award; Time and Talent Ingathering

John Simonelli moved to accept calendar with additions. Seconded by Marty Stanton. Carried.

Conclusion of meeting: Nancy Moody moved to end the meeting; Mike Roehrer seconded; the motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra Odian, Acting Clerk