

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
January 15, 2020

Present: Scott Ashton, Julie Dolci, Mary Harbinsky, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Nancy Moody, Jon Richardson, Marty Stanton

Also attending: John Simonelli

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Rev. Richardson. A quorum was established.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Mary-Esther Arther

John Simonelli shared the poem "The Eucharist," which demonstrated the various meanings of the word eucharist besides Holy Communion and how each of us might be bearers of eucharist.

Election of Clerk of the Vestry

Mary Harbinsky moved to elect John Simonelli clerk of the Vestry. Marty Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jon Richardson welcomed new Vestry members Scott Ashton and Julie Dolci and referred them to the Vestry norms which had been previously emailed.

Agenda

Kathy Kent moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nancy Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

Mary Harbinsky moved to accept the December minutes as presented. Marty Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Listening from the Congregation

- A concern was expressed that the congregation should also be collecting gifts for the children of prisoners' victims. Jon Richardson pointed out that we are working within the guidelines of a Diocesan program.
- An idea was brought up if there is anything we can do to add to Andrew Ward's church experience

Stewardship

John Simonelli noted that we have confirmed Saturday, October 24th with Nightingale's Catering and that roast chicken is another option besides beefsteak; that we have confirmed Saturday, December 19th with Kevin Woyce for his Christmas Traditions presentation; and that we have agreed to expand our Garage Sale offerings to include coffee and sandwiches for sale. Nancy Moody has agreed to chair the Garage Sale again, but noted that we need to find a kitchen chief to oversee the food and beverage part of the event.

Stewardship proposed selling Gertrude Hawk Easter candy as a new fundraiser and a lively discussion of the pros and cons followed. Kathy Kent moved to approve the new fundraiser, Nancy Moody seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (ref. attached flyer)

Outreach

Mrs. Harbinsky reported that the Outreach Committee will meet again on February 12th

Thanksgivings

- For Mary Harbinsky for her years as Vestry clerk
- For John Simonelli for agreeing to serve as Vestry clerk
- For new Vestry members Scott Ashton and Julie Dolci
- For the many who made the Christmas season so special, particularly those who "greened" the church and those who "un-greened" it.
- For the new junior and senior wardens, Kathy Kent and Marty Stanton
- For the old junior and senior wardens, Marty Stanton and John Simonelli

Checking Account Signatories

A motion to approve Mary-Esther Arther, Irene Williams, Mike Roehrer and John Simonelli as checking account signatories was made by Mary Harbinsky, seconded by Julie Dolci, and carried.

Willing Hands Lease

Jon Richardson gave an update on the lease and noted that John Simonelli and Marty Stanton would be meeting with the Willing Hands board on January 16th to resolve the situation. While Eve had requested extending her hours to 9:00 PM serious concerns were raised about the privacy and confidentiality for our other tenants and the Vestry unanimously agreed that 7:00 PM was as late as they were comfortable with extending the hours.

QuickBooks

Bonnie Hook reported:

- That we now have Business Checking Plus with PNC Bank and that the Bank credited all fees.
- That she, John Simonelli and Jon Richardson will be meeting with Ed Horton to 'fine tune' Quickbooks and pledges and that John Simonelli will arrange the meeting
- That the discrepancy between the Quickbooks bottom line and the Treasurer's is because of the way prepaid pledges were recorded, and that she would get a revised version of the December report to the Vestry Clerk for distribution to the Vestry.
- That she is almost done with preparing the 2019 pledge figures for the reports that will be sent to all pledging units by the end of January.

It was suggested that the Vestry Clerk comment on the actual bottom line in the Vestry Minutes and in the Vestry Highlights, which according to the Treasurer's calculations is a \$4,810 surplus

Mary Harbinsky moved to accept the QuickBooks report as submitted and Marty Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vestry Retreat

Saturday, April 25th was tentatively chosen to allow enough time to arrange for a facilitator and the Vestry's preference was for a spiritual form of retreat.

Buildings and Grounds

Julie Dolci submitted 3 written reports: Property Updates, Property Meeting with the Rector, which lists items for consideration by Adopt a Project 2020, and a 2020 Property List Categorization, which is a sample of how various projects are to be categorized. Copies of all 3 reports are attached. She noted that Property Committee's goal was to make a list and then to bundle like items to get cost estimates. She also said she expects to present priorities at the next vestry meeting and the prices soon thereafter.

Other Business

Mary-Esther Arther reminded the Vestry that the Bishop is asking for a Church Safety and Evacuation procedure be submitted by March so this will be considered at the February meeting.

Calendar

Additions:

Wednesday, February 12th @ 10:30 AM Outreach Committee

Wednesday, February 12th @ 7:00 PM Vestry (rescheduled from February 19th)

Nancy Moody moved to approve the calendar as amended, Mary Harbinsky seconded, carried.

Julie Dolci moved to end the meeting and Mary-Esther Arther seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Clerk