

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

August 28, 2007

(with correction – final approved)

Members present: Teddi McIntosh (Junior Warden), Steve Cunningham (Sr. Warden), Fr. Todd Dill (Rector 's Associate), Fr. Paul Winton (Rector), Gail Greene, Jim Landers, Roger Mathis, Vicki Connelly (Treasurer), Charlie Gwynn, Chris Burpo, Jill Sutton, Connie DeSanto, Rob Hungerford; tardy : Bill Sleeper

Members absent: Chris Couch, Andy Eberhard

Guest: Reverened Anne Elizabeth

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with communion at 7:04 pm. A quorum was present.

1. The July minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

2. The amount of pledges turned in were up.
3. The budget is right on track
4. Quarterly reports will be given out soon with a gentle reminder to pay up.
5. The treasure's report was passed unanimously.

Junior Warden's Report

6. The Sinclair House has been refurbished and is right on track for the bible study classes to begin. The Senior High Sunday School is also meeting there. The dedication service will be September 16, 2007 in honor of Dave and Wini Sinclair.
7. Fresh pine straw has been laid around the church grounds.
8. The Sinclair House will be ready for use when the fall program begins in September.

Senior Warden's Report

9. Steve Cunningham did a second run-through of the revised by laws. There were no further corrections or changes.
10. The bi-laws were passed unanimously.
11. In conjunction with the new by laws, the duties of a secretary were discussed.
12. After much discussion, the job of secretary to the Vestry, is going to be part of the church administrative staff job. This will be added to the Assistant for Lay Ministry - Becky Sullivan.
13. This was approved by the Vestry.

Rector's Report

14. Jeffords Hall Update –
 - a. The Rector explained that we have a complex message to communicate to the parish. On the one hand we really need more money in hand in order for either the

Bank or the diocese to approve the financing. At the same time, we believe that part of what is holding back the giving is a lack of confidence that the project will move forward. We believe that once things start happening, the excitement will build and the money will come. The challenge is to communicate the clear intention to build the building but to make sure we do not build a building we can't pay for. The discussion was about how to communicate both messages. We need to step out in faith and be good stewards at the same time.

- b. Message to Congregation with Vestry backing –
 - i. We are breaking ground on November 18 and we need \$1.2 million
- c. Thought
 - i. Belief by parish that we are not going to do it so will wait until ground breaking. We may have to borrow \$5 million. The first 3 years is an interest only loan, so have a little time. Use that time to increase operating budget so that the mortgage as a percentage of the operating budget will be lower; aggressively pay down the principal before the mortgage comes due. If these things do not happen, then we would have to cut other areas of the operating budget in order to pay the mortgage. We intend to avoid that.
- d. What happened to money from first campaign?
 - i. For some reason there seems to be some on going confusion about what happened to the money given in prior years to the building fund. The answer is that it has been spent on Jeffords Hall – most of it in architectural fees but ALL of the building fund has been spent as originally intended – for a new parish hall.
- e. A good number of parishioners are in fact honoring their pledges to Jeffords Hall, making it possible for us to:
 - i. Pay back parish for money floated from the Operating Budget to pay Pre-Construction fees
 - ii. Pay off bridge loan (Region's Bank)

15. Hispanic Ministry –

- a. Numbers doubled since Julio ordained
- b. Julio (Deacon Lema) participates in other services so he is among us and has an understanding and also so people know who he is.
- c. Read Gospel in Spanish
- d. After ordination will share Julio with another parish so after January fewer liturgies for us.
- e. Confession on Saturday nights Julio will hear confession and priest will grant absolution as fit
- f. Sunday School during worship service– 2 groups led by 2 Hispanic and 1 Anglo teacher
- g. 15 children in First Communion class
- h. 6 baptisms

16. Outreach – Father Paul will provide a written report based on Scott's report but will be all inclusive of church outreach – will be available to parish

17. Sinclair House – dedication 9/16 after 11:15 service recessional will lead processional to house.

18. Staff Members would like to have direct deposit so Jim Landers is checking on that and will talk to Cathy.
19. Adult Christian Ed Update – Read newsletter
20. Adult Community Socials – Connie DeSanto reported that it was picking up and participation varied based on event.
21. God Children – It is a program under consideration. Every child should have Godparent from this parish. Maybe a good place to start would be with this year's Confirmation Class. The concept here is that every child of the parish should have a Godparent within the congregation really involved in the child's life.
22. Pastoral Care
- a. Examples – person next to you may be in real pain – clerics job is to mend the broken-hearted
 - b. Father Paul expressed his gratitude to the Vestry as its work allows the life of the parish to move forward
 - c. Balance – church deals with shame and guilt with confession and redemption. Most people are recommended for help outside of the church
 - d. How do the priests handle the day to day counseling?
 - i. Helps to share the load
 - ii. Laughing helps
 - iii. Lack of competition
 - iv. Feels it
 - v. Seeing and hearing people who are in need
23. Request for Vestry Resolution in Memory of Father Harrison – Gail Greene and Roger Mathis will work on this to explain who he was and what he did

Executive Committee

24. No meeting

New Business

25. Linda Thomas will get a new system to download sermons so Dick Lord can edit and save sermons to network. The cost is about \$630.

Fr. Paul closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teddi McIntosh
Interim Clerk of the Vestry