

# St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

May 22, 2007

**Members present:** Teddi McIntosh (Junior Warden), Steve Cunningham (Sr. Warden), Fr. Todd Dill (Assistant to the Rector), Rob Hungerford, Fr. Paul Winton (Rector), Bill Sleeper, Connie DeSanto, Gail Greene, Jim Landers, Roger Mathis, Chris Couch, Vicki Connelly (Treasurer)

**Members absent:** Jill Sutton, Andy Eberhard, Chris Burpo, Charlie Gwynn

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with evening prayer at 7:17 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Fr. Paul started the meeting with social time and a short check-in of each member present to see where they were personally.
2. The April minutes were unanimously approved.

## Liaison Reports

3. Report on Children's Ministry by Ellen Mintzmyer
  - a. Nursery is now under children's ministry
  - b. Join Sunday School at age 2
  - c. Join rotation in 1<sup>st</sup> grade (began this year)
  - d. Rotation is designed to let children learn in many different ways. Rotation Sunday School is an emersion into one story for 5 weeks. There are 5 parts to the rotation art, movies, games, and drama. Adults are invited to teach for one rotation. Parents will be invited to shadow their children for the 2007-08 year. Some new curriculum is being looked at for next year so some rotations may only include certain grade levels.
  - e. Ellen will be looking for some additional help in fall that may include areas as Google Bible, the body, and making videos.
  - f. Some children and adults are not as happy with the rotation so an alternative is being looked into.
  - g. Elementary years (K-5) are used to teach Bible stories and that Jesus loves us. Sixth grade up begins church doctrine.
  - h. Godly Play, a Montessori approach to learning, is being used during the summer beginning at 9:15.
  - i. First Communion class will continue to be taught during the 11:15 service. This will be expanded to include worship readiness also.
  - j. Episcopals is a fellowship group for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They meet 2 Sundays per month September through April.
  - k. VBS entitled LIFT OFF this year – Science has been added to the curriculum and the hope is to bring in as many people as possible to help.
4. Report by Gail Greene
  - a. Adult choir
    - i. Commissioned several new pieces this year
    - ii. Ernest is going to a conference in England
  - b. Children's choir
    - i. Hope to have own Evensong on the 07-08 season
    - ii. Older children have been invited to join adult choir

- iii. Royal School of Church Music tuition was generously donated for one youth member, but no one is able to attend this year. It is a week long experience of very advance music performance and training. Susie is looking into offering this experience here at our church so children will have a closer opportunity.
  - iv. Hand bells- the budget is on the verge of being emptied so this impacts the ability to provide regular maintenance and care. Ernest has requested that hand bells be a separate line item on next year's budget.
- c. Concern – Ernest asked how the building project will affect the church service and music program. (Father Paul speculates that Ernest will get disturbed earlier rather than later. It is short term and should not disturb his space. However, nothing is definite)
- d. Boy Scouts - It is exciting, that with Mark Conrad's leadership. We now have Cub Scout Pack 430 at St. David's. There were about 30 boys and parents who expressed an interest at the "round-up" held at Mimosa Elementary, which includes a large Hispanic population. The Boy Scout troop has planned a healthy calendar of events, including an Eagle Scout ceremony. The scouting program is an excellent outreach to the youth in our community.
- e. Mark Conard is also trying to get a Girl Scout troop at the church.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- 5. The treasure's report was passed unanimously.
- 6. The Compensation Resolution was passed. Required for all clergy.

#### **Junior Warden's Report**

- 7. Discussed need for new fire doors between the 2 back halls. The new doors would have glass in them for better viewing and would be more welcoming. We also discussed using the magnetic strip that is tied into the existing security system. Would need to look into rate of speed the doors are released.
- 8. New chandeliers were discussed for the nave. There would be 6 in all and would replace some of the existing lighting. Costs and compatibility are being looked into at this time. In Anglican tradition most churches go down and in to view focusing on the cross. Our church goes up and out. The new lightening would be lower keeping the focus towards the front.
- 9. Chamber building rental agreement will be reviewed and contact made for additional time.

#### **Senior Warden's Report**

- 10. Steve Cunningham did a first run-through of the revised by laws by going over each change. Proxy voting was discussed. It was decided that proxy voting should not be allowed for members or Vestry members. There was also discussion on the appropriate age for members to vote. Should coincide with national and diocese canons. A quorum at a general meeting will be those present and only allowed at authorized meetings. Should have some form of open communication before any vote for Vestry decisions. The first reading of the by laws will be at the July meeting.

11. Social time sign- up – Charlie and Gail for July meeting

### **Rector's Report**

12. Episcopal visitation was largest single confirmation in diocesan history. Everyone did a great job and it was a wonderful celebration. The clerics met at St. David's in May and it was terrific. The bishop preaches, other clergy come, and lunch is provided. We even came in under budget.

13. Mission Trips –

- a. Father Paul and Father Ogier went to Honduras to view what was going on there. It was a troubling trip and he is still processing. One thing is clear – Father Paul is grateful for the Christian church and the work being done by them in Honduras. He is proud of St. David's but saw the work of the whole church.
- b. Father Paul and Judy Beecham ( a parishioner) will join Bishop Alexander and other clerics for a trip to Africa to view what the dioceses is doing there. He will meet to discuss future teaching opportunities also. The trip is from June 12-22, 2007

14. Jeffords Hall Update-

- a. A significant redraw had to be completed and we will probably have to go back to the Roswell City Council for approval. We should only have to go to administration and not another hearing. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party checking to see how much help they can be to us. At this time a Thanksgiving start date is being considered. The necessity of an elevator is being looked into. Lance Patterson will be invited to the July meeting to make a presentation. Should get final Vestry authorization in August. The building expense can be 20-34% of current operating budget. We are looking at 24%. We need to restart excitement for building.

15. The Office Re-Organization is about a B+. Change is difficult and new job assignments take some getting use to. There are 2 office projects going on at this time. The Sinclair House and a fall conference for lay ministries.

16. Holy People of God – The next phase (Life Application) will be a three year cycle on Sundays and will be reinforced on Wednesdays. Will focus on stewardship not money but dedication. There will be parish forums throughout the year

17. Key Dates

- a. June 12-22 Father Paul in Tanzania
- b. June 18-22 Preschool summer camp
- c. June 25-29 Preschool summer camp
- d. July 10 Julio Lema ordination
- e. July 11 Parish wide picnic
- f. July 16-20 VBS
- g. July 22 New Member Reception 3-5:30
- h. July 24 Vestry Meeting

18. Father Paul met with Scott Bast about Outreach. Father Paul wants to quantify real outreach and have a clear strategy for the next 5 years. The Vestry can then consider funding the vision. This is due before the end of fiscal year.

19. For ministries to be heard they can plead their budgets to the finance committee so people are better informed. The finance committee makes the budget but the Vestry has final approval. The finance committee is made up of Charlie Gwynn, Steve Cunningham, Teddi McIntosh,

Vicki Connelly, Bennie King, Rob Hungerford, Gary Dunsmore and Jim Landers.

20. The Sinclair house is going to be redone as a worship center.
  - a. The big room with the glass windows is going to be the Bible Study room
  - b. The main room with fire place is going to be a parlor room where people can meet.
  - c. The Guild of the Christ Child will be able to keep a room.
  - d. The small room may be a library or gift shop
  - e. The chapel will be in one room.
21. VBS will July 16-20 and should be wonderful
22. No Vestry meeting in June
22. Sr. Julio Lema is tentatively set to be ordained on July 10<sup>th</sup> at St. David's in the evening.
23. The Parochial report was signed.

#### **Executive Committee**

24. No meeting

#### **New Business**

25. None
- Fr. Paul closed the meeting with a benediction and prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teddi McIntosh  
Interim Clerk of the Vestry