

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

April 24, 2007

Members present: Teddi McIntosh (Junior Warden), Charlie Gwynn, Steve Cunningham, Fr. Todd Dill (Assistant to the Rector), Rob Hungerford, Chris Burpo (Steward), Fr. Paul Winton (Rector), Bill Sleeper, Jill Sutton, Andy Eberhard, Connie DeSanto, Gail Greene, Jim Landers

Members absent: Roger Mathis, Chris Couch, Vicki Connelly (Treasurer),

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:15 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Fr. Paul started the meeting with a short check-in of each member present to see where they were personally.

Senior Warden's Report

2. Steve Cunningham did a first run-through of the revised by laws by going over the memorandum that explained each change. The new by laws have a better flow and the wording is consistent throughout.
 - a. There was one article added to include a provision of the rector's discretionary fund. The Steward of Alms was added and the timing for reviews. The term is 4 years for several reasons. One reason is the cross over of Vestry people and another is fewer people to know details. Look at article 4 closely.
 - b. Some qualifications were added for Vestry members, including a clarification for removal.
 - c. Changed the term clerk to secretary consistent with other churches. The secretary could ask that someone be appointed to take the minutes.
 - d. Could ask to move to executive session during meetings where minutes would not be taken.
 - e. Attendance via phone was added
 - f. Stewardship Committee changed from 2 to 4 members consistent with other standing committees.
 - g. See memo #22 An Indemnification clause was added to support each Vestry member as long as they are acting on behalf of the Vestry.
 - h. A motion was passed and seconded then further discussion included:
 - i. Electronic voting – does it give enough voice?
 - i. 1st reply 2nd vote
 - j. Proxy votes - maximum of 2 and include the situations that proxies are not allowed.
 - k. Check on Item #3 publish list early of voting members so people can get answers before the day of voting
 - l. Item 12 Vestry writes the report to the rector
 - m. Next time another first reading
 - n. Assignment: Read by laws and memo then send comments to Steve
3. Social time sign- up – Steve and Teddi for May meeting

Junior Warden's Report

4. Teddi McIntosh went on a tour of the building with Madeline Nix to be familiarized with all the workings. She also toured the house to review the size and layout. All is well with building at this time.

Rector's Report

4. Follow-up to Ministry Assignments – The Rector will draft what information he would like to see in the written reports. It will help ministry heads keep track as go along. There should be some information each month. This is being tabled until other projects are complete.
5. Cleric Salary Resolutions – The IRS requires Cleric Salary Resolutions to prove what and how vestry is paying the clerics. May take to Executive Committee for signing if time is short.
6. Oral Liaison Report Andy Eberhard
 - a. Foyer Groups – They are in middle of the cycle- New sign up soon for summer. Cathy Jones is head of Foyers. Foyers may need to be marketed differently. How do we best get people involved?
 - b. Children's Choir – Many different groups including Cherub to Kindergarten to Treble Makers Junior Choir and Junior bells There is also an Infants class on Saturday morning. At this time Susie is busy with the musical Technicolor Promise that will be presented on April 29th. Susie kids do not sing as a group each Sunday because she would rather them practice and do something really well. Father Paul would like to see a children's choir for the 9:00 service.
 - c. Guild of St. Joseph of Arimathaea – Mike Copps is the chairman of this ministry. They have a strong core but do have to reach out sometimes for help. They do a great job of helping funerals to run smooth.
7. Liaison reports for May will be made by Chris Couch and Gail Greene.
8. Mission Work – Father Paul will go May 15-18 to Honduras and June 12 – 22 to Taneka. The Taneka trip will be funded by the Rector's Special Fund. The dates for a return trip to teach will be finalized later. The teaching is in conjunction with Ecuador Central.
9. Summer Schedule – Begins on June 3rd. The times are: 7:45 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; Hispanic Mass 12:15; Evening Mass 6:00 PM The schedule is being kept close to normal because people church shop during the summer. In conversation about a daily Eucharist during the summer.
10. Re-Organization – Father Paul is looking into reorganizing the responsibilities of the staff.
11. Update on Jeffords Hall
 - a. Calls going on now for more pledges
 - b. Report on present commitments is in progress
 - c. Thank you notes for pledges have gone out
 - d. Lance and Jan will make initial presentation to the Bishop the week of 4/30
 - e. Construction Matters is a firm who helps between the contractors and the architect. They may be to help with costs. A proposal will be considered to give a preliminary look. A cap will be put on the cost of the study -- \$5000-\$10,000.
12. Key Dates
 - a. May 13 Mother's Day
 - b. May 14 Marietta Convocation Clericus
 - c. May 15 Rector leaves for Honduras (returns 5/18)
 - d. May 20 Celebration Sunday
 - e. May 22 Vestry Meeting

- f. May 27 Pentecost Sunday – baptisms and parish picnic
- g. May 28 Church Office Closed – Memorial Day
- h. June 1-3 Parish Retreat at Kanuga

12. Exploratory Committee on “St. David's Academy” K-8 . Chris Couch, Gail Greene, Jill Sutton, and Connie DeSanto will serve for the Vestry. Talk to people who have started a school before and see what the first steps should be. What would early mistakes be? Middle School seems to be the area of need. Father Paul will look for other members for the exploratory committee maybe outside of parish.
13. Adult Christian Education 2007-2010 Look at stewardship in a different way. What would it be like if we really believed it is not ours? How would things be different? We would be a counter cultural church. The purpose of teaching will be to take the gospel seriously and follow baptismal convenient. It will be uncomfortable. How can the idea be presented so people feel invited? The dignity of each person will be respected. Each person is at a different place on their walk. Some may not finish in the 3 years and some may finish early. The important message is that people start thinking about it and taking one step at a time.
14. Clergy Work Day – Thursday, April 26th the clergy will take a day to discuss how this stewardship walk can best be presented so that people will follow.
15. Open Questions/Ideas:
 - i. Where do we meet for reaffirmation – The Catacombs at 10:50

Treasurer's Report

16. The report seemed to be on target at this time of year.
17. Reminder to meet with new (and anyone else) on the budget to explain how to read the report.
18. Auditors should stay the same after a conversation about payment and timeliness, because consistency and budget concerns. Cheaper not to start over.
19. There was a question raised as to whether we should look for a new auditor due to lack of conversation.
20. The rector will call the auditor.

Executive Committee

- a. No meeting

New Business

21. March Minutes were unanimously approved.
22. Scouts – Gail Greene reported that the church pack has been restarted with Mark Conard as the leader with seven adult helpers. There is a supportive principal at Mimosa and a recruiting event was held there. The troop is doing great. The pack is looking for a green cabinet that seems to be missing. They would also like some more new members. Bill Sleeper is helping get some of the Hispanic boys involved. The pack has also asked for some web site presence.

Fr. Paul let the Vestry know how grateful he is for them and closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teddi McIntosh
Interim Clerk of the Vestry