

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Jan 19, 2010

Present: Bishop J. Neil Alexander, Amanda Scott, Betsy Harvey, Bonnie Underwood, Cathy Jones, Charles McMillan, Del Reichardt, Jim Wilson, Lisa Puckett, Mike Tompros, Sally Goldberg, Thomas Nolf, Jim Landers, Treasurer, Gail Greene, Secretary.

Absent: Dave Wallace.

Opening Prayer – Meeting opened at 7pm with prayer and the blessing of 2 home communion sets by Bishop Alexander.

Adoption of minutes for December, 09 and Jan 3, 2010 meetings. No discussion for December minutes, approved as written. Jan 3 minutes approved with mention of edit in item 2 to reflect “Secretary” of the vestry, not “Clerk” of the vestry.

Comments and instruction from Bishop Alexander:

The Bishop expressed regret that Fr. Paul has been called to St. Johns as we will all miss him, but clearly the Holy Spirit was at work in that decision.

The Bishop talked about transition information and what needs to be known in the process to call a new Rector. He encouraged the vestry to role model servant leadership so others will step up as well.

There was discussion regarding the vestry's role in the Rector search process. The Bishop cannot tell us who to select, and the vestry cannot call someone that he would not approve. Some of the points he discussed are as follows:

- Clergy in and out of the diocese will be interested in this position. Everyone will be screened carefully.
- Background checks will be done thoroughly by the Diocesan office and the Bishop.
- Affiliations and personal history that raises a red flag related to Diocesan relations are looked at.

The Bishop gave the vestry members a handout “The Parish Vestry and the Call Process”.

The Bishop then discussed the selection process of the search committee, the consultant who will be assigned to our committee. The Bishop then answered questions from the vestry about the handout.

2010 Budget Review/Approval:

The treasurer, Jim Landers reviewed the general numbers. After looking at pledge numbers, Jim recommended the parish undergo some actions to stimulate the rest of the pledges to come in. He reviewed a seasonal monthly estimate based on past giving and trends.

Motion #1 made by Thomas Nolf: “I move that the budget be adopted as drafted by Jim Landers with details adjusted as discussed including the attached solvency plan and the call to prayer.” The motion was passed.

A discussion followed regarding the Hispanic Ministry here at St. David's.

There was discussion about parish behavior that needs to be changed regarding lack of pledging and financial support. Ideas were put on the table about how to handle this, and the Sr. Warden mentioned that a lot of this can be accomplished by effective communication of the solvency plan. A suggestion was made to add the solvency items into the structure of the budget so that those numbers are reflected in the budget itself.

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Vestry member, Del Reichardt, reported that he walked through Sinclair House with a realtor who then gave him a quote of \$195,000 as possible sales value.

Suggestions regarding the Youth program and expenses was brought to the table.

It was suggested that an intentional line item be added to the solvency plan that "brings God into the plan" asking for a prayer campaign.

Junior Warden's Report:

Junior Warden, Charles McMillan, reported that we are entering into a donated contract with a reputable landscaping firm, who will provide all landscaping services on the grounds valued at \$13,000 and runs from 2/1/2010 – 1/31/2011. The JFH punch list is being worked through with the contractor to resolve all items. He reported that drainage issues in the old part of the building are significantly improved.

In other business, there was discussion about a contract to be opened with Cisco to buy food for JFH. Motion #3 by Thomas Nolf: "I move that the contract be opened with Cisco to buy food for JFH." Motion was passed unanimously.

There was further discussion about food being ordered through ACFB, and mention was made that this might be cheaper.

Reminder about the upcoming Vestry Retreat on Jan 29 and 30. Food assignments were made.

A "who am I" activities sheet was passed out to be used at the retreat.

Motion #4 Thomas Nolf: "I move that the meeting be adjourned". Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. with a closing prayer by the Sr. Warden.

Gail Greene, Secretary of the Vestry
Reviewed:
Amanda Scott, Clerk of the Vestry