

St. David's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes. March 30, 2010

Attendees: Father Ken Swanson, Betsy Harvey, Dave Wallace, Jim Wilson, Lisa Puckett, Thomas Nolf, Cathy Jones, Amanda Scott, Bonnie Underwood, Jim Landers, Charles McMillan, Mike Tompros, Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler

Opening Prayer – Ken

Minutes Approval

- Feb 23, 2010 – Thomas Nolf moved the minutes be accepted, Mike Tompros seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.
- Feb 11, 2010 – Thomas Nolf moved the minutes be accepted, Mike Tompros seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

Interim Rector Update

Stewardship Strategy

- Ken presented a draft stewardship strategy. He will be helping the parish understand the theology of giving, how to prioritize spending. Vestry will participate in the stewardship campaign, particularly in follow-up.
- Ken asked the Vestry to consider an entirely different way of thinking about stewardship.

Ken will conduct a Rector's Forum to discuss letting go and moving forward on May 2. All Vestry members are encouraged to attend.

VPOD calls – integration. A very important task for Ken is to increase membership. Ken encouraged us to organize the "St David's and Proud of it" committee. Invite people to church and "host" them for several weeks and help them integrate into the parish. We need to enhance our culture of hospitality, invitation, and integration. Ken will hold Vestry members accountable for calling visitors within the week. If the visitor isn't there, leave a voicemail and follow up with another call. Bonnie sent a form for Vestry members to use. Email Jan Georges the results of the calls or send her completed forms. Ken observed that St. David's has a very strong, committed sense of community.

Sr Warden Update

Vestry Resolutions

- Resolution for Housing Allowance – this is to comply with US Tax Code. Thomas Nolf moved we approve, Charles seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Parochial Report – Annual report we send to the National Church and is the basis for our Diocesan commitment. The report lists the 1600 active members into groups, statistics, etc. Thomas Nolf moved we approve, Mike seconded. Passed unanimously.

Staffing: part-time position. Rene Harris has been hired on a part-time basis to coordinate the logistics for the Bridge Club, which rents Jeffords Hall, buying for Wednesday Night dinners, etc.

New Member Reception: Sunday, April 25, 3-5. Jeffords Hall, Vestry is encouraged to attend. Let Jan Georges know if you can attend. Suggest inviting other ministry heads and/or representatives, including Mission and others.

Vestry Liaison Reports – Bonnie assigned liaison updates by class. Seniors will report 1st month of a quarter, Middlers the 2nd month of a quarter, Freshman on the 3rd month of the quarter. Vestry assignments will be posted on the new Vestry wiki.

St. David's By-laws – Hal Davies has volunteered to help us review by-laws. He has been a senior warden in a large parish in another state and is an active parishioner. Bonnie will be the liaison.

Jr. Warden Report

We have copies of the Diocesan permission to sell Sinclair House and the Bank Loan closing documents in the file at church.

A parishioner has offered brokerage services for Sinclair House pro bono if we decide to place it on the market. There would still be a buyer's agent commission. We would be selling the house "as is." We will not renovate the kitchen.

Several parishioners have suggested alternate ideas. Suggestion is to set up a task force to help evaluate requirements to make the house more marketable.

A parishioner has offered a low interest only loan to St. David's for 4 years. Now – rate would be 0%, when the CD interest rate increases to 2% the loan rate would increase commensurately. St. David's would retain use of the house. Charles, Bonnie, and Dave will discuss further with with the parishioner.

We are pursuing discussions with architect about the "egress" out of the lower part of JFH to enable us to finish out the lower level.

Financial Update – Jim Landers, Treasurer

Jim reviewed his report. Revenues are up due to higher plate offerings and non-member giving.

Committee update

- Betsy is preparing letters to people who still owe money on their JFH pledges. Vestry members will make follow-up calls beginning on April 19.
- Search Committee Update – working on Parish Profile and putting together the survey.
- Forum Committee Updates
 - Prayer Warriors – Wendy Wittmaier has agreed to lead this. Wendy has agreed to include Mission Prayer Warriors in this group.
 - Number Crunchers – a couple of sessions have been held, none are scheduled as yet but intent is to hold sessions quarterly
 - Out of the Box – no participation at the first two sessions however Stephen's Ministers offered up some ideas. Allison Wilson suggested a craft fair. Ballroom dances – Jan Georges is talking to the Veals who do ballroom dancing. All ideas should be shared with Jan Georges.

- St. David's and Proud of It – Betsy and Sally are working with Jan who is in conversation with Pat McBurnette. Ken wants to get this going and focus on inviting people to attend the church.
- Good News -- Mike will create a Good News window. Amanda will get a communication committee started.

New Business

- Amanda announced that there is a new Vestry Wiki.
- Jim discussed use of some restricted account funds given as a result of a young boy's death to help the family with funeral expenses. Mike Tompros made a motion that the remaining funds be used to support the family, at the discretion of Fr. Julio. Jim Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:35 PM

Closing Prayer by Anne Elizabeth