

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting 9/27/11

Attendees:

Vestry – Lisa Puckett, Chris Burpo, Cathy Jones, Edith Cobourn, Charles McMillan, Del Reichardt, Bill Irwin, Dave Wallace, Jim Wilson, and Kurt Wilson

Non-Vestry - Fr. Ken Swanson, Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler, Deacon Kathy Holman, Jim Landers, Jorge Romero, Lloyd Bowen, Victoria Jarvis and Lesley Andrew

Absent: Amy Evins and Marilyn Hedrick

Opening Prayer/Meditation: Fr. Ken Swanson led the opening prayer and Bill Irwin led the meditation.

Acceptance of Minutes: Chris Burpo made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the August Vestry meeting. Cathy Jones seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Rector Update:

Victoria Jarvis-Hispanic Ministry presentation:

Victoria Jarvis discussed the details of a new Hispanic ministry entitled “Unidad” as outlined in Attachment “A”. Victoria mentioned that Cindy Johnson is available to teach ESL to the Hispanic parents and Julie Knop is a bilingual social worker who can also assist with the ministry. Fr. Ken Swanson informed the Vestry that there was presently a designated fund for a Hispanic ministry in the approximate amount of \$6000.00 that can be drawn on to budget the first year of the ministry. Bill Irwin made a motion to use the fund and Chris Burpo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Vestry decided that the new ministry will go to the Mission Board for incorporation.

Wouldn't It be Nice Results: Fr. Ken Swanson discussed the outcome of the Vestry's ranking of the “Wouldn't It be Nice” topics for future discussions (Attachment “B”). The Vestry decided that general communication in the parish (No. 2) will be a topic for discussion at the October Vestry meeting and that the “Learning to Listen to God” website will be a topic for discussion at the November Vestry meeting.

Website

Fr. Ken Swanson announced that he hoped to have the website up and running the week of September 26th for the Vestry to review.

Rev. Anne Elizabeth Sabbatical

Fr. Ken Swanson announced that Rev. Anne Elizabeth Swiedler will take a 10-week sabbatical from May – June, 2012. Rev. Anne Elizabeth shared with the Vestry her plans for the sabbatical.

Senior Warden Update

Vestry Elections

Lisa Puckett announced that blank envelopes will be available for parishioners who are not listed on the member list for later confirmation of membership in order for the vote to count. There was discussion regarding the guidelines for electing a least one Hispanic member on to the Vestry. It was decided that normal Vestry election procedures would be followed for electing an Hispanic member on to the Vestry.

Financial Chair for 2012 – Lisa Puckett announced that Gary Dunsmore has agreed to be the Financial Chair for 2012.

Safe Procedures – Lisa Puckett announced that the safe was installed and that a brief instruction session would be held after the Vestry meeting. It was decided that the Vestry person of the day will get an usher when making the money drop in the safe.

Ministry Liaisons – Budgeting Guidelines – Lisa Puckett reminded the Vestry that budget guidelines are due from ministry chairs by September 30, 2011.

Ministry Updates/Commentary – The Vestry discussed the ministry updates (Attachment “C”).

Jr. Warden Report – An electronic update was sent by Charles McMillan (Attachment “D”). In addition to the report, Charles McMillan passed around a sketched proposal of the Welcome Center and signage.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jim Landers discussed the contents of the Treasurer’s reports (Attachment “E”) and announced that the parish was able to get a two percent reduction in the Canon 20 obligation.

Hispanic Ministry Report

Jorge Romero announced that the 8th Anniversary celebration (Foundation Day) was a huge success.

New Business - There was no new business.

Chris Burpo made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Irwin seconded the motion. Rev. Anne Elizabeth offered closing prayers and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Andrew