

Vestry Meeting Minutes

St. David's Episcopal Church

February 23, 2021

Present: Rev. Michelle Ortiz, Rev. Dean Taylor, Kristen Acker, Anna MacHarg, Tom Erdmanczyk, Donna Nolf, David Kloess, Arturo Rodriguez, Ben Bailey, Jim Landers, Gary Dunsmore, Jim Wilson, Karen Burpo, Garner Crowder, Karen Wright, Nell Fernandez

Dean opened the meeting with a prayer. After check-ins, Karen Burpo gave the meditation. The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a motion by Jim Wilson and second by Garner Crowder. A motion to add the new Senior Warden to the list of those who may sign legal documents on behalf of the vestry was approved. Motion by Karen Burpo and second by Jim Wilson.

Vestry discussed an anonymous offer recently made by a parishioner. Certain stipulations were deemed problematic for some members. No vote was taken; Dean will meet with the donor to determine if the stipulations can be revised.

Treasurer's Report: January was a good month; our collections were right on target. This has historically been the case, as some people give their entire year's pledge in January.

Financial Report: The 2021 budget was presented and approved. Motion by Jonathan Wilson, second by Jim Landers. We will be applying for a second PPE loan in March or April. Four part-time staff positions have been eliminated; however, we are still approving a deficit budget.

Interim Rector's Report: The Simply Jesus Project is off to a good start, with 73 individuals signed up. There are eight virtual groups and three in-person groups meeting weekly throughout Lent.

There will be a celebration of the recently retired staff members when we can meet again as a large group. Meanwhile, they will receive gifts from the parish.

Senior Warden's Report: Vestry members are in the process of reviewing materials on the three Rector Candidates. Next meeting will likely be March 4th and interviews will proceed via Zoom sometime after that. We will ask George Maxwell to meet with us and assist with interview questions.

Some public expression of thanks for the search committee will take place at a later date, but for now, vestry members are encouraged to thank them by notes or email.

Junior Warden Report: Anna is working with staff to pull together a list of duties which could be assigned to volunteers.

The Friends of the Memorial Garden are comparing quotes for the initial phase of the work in the garden. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet in March to look at potential projects for 2021. These will be presented for vestry approval when the bids are ready.

Old business: none

New Business: Vestry approved the decision to file an application with the bank for a 2nd PPE loan. Motion by Garner Crowder and second by Jim Wilson.

The preschool budget will be presented at the February meeting.

The newly-formed Human Resources Committee will meet soon to begin work on formalizing the scope of their work.

Members were reminded that the Rector search is still confidential, including the number of candidates, status of the search, etc.

Closing Prayer given by Rev Michelle.

Submitted by Nell Fernandez