

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

November 17, 2020

6:30 pm Zoom Call

Attendees (Vestry): Donna Nolf, Tom Erdmancyk, Leonard Ferrand, Ben Bailey, Ken Harris, Garner Crowder, Nell Fernandez, CaroleAnn Padgett, Anna MacHarg, Jim Wilson and Kristen Acker

Attendees (non-voting): Rev. Dean Taylor, Rev. Michelle Ortiz, Gary Dunsmore, David Kloess, Scott Lawrence

Opening Prayer: Rev. Dean Taylor

Check Ins & prayer requests: All

Meditation: Ben Bailey

Acceptance of October 2020 Minutes: Jim moved. CaroleAnn seconded. All vote in favor.
Approval of the amended update to the Parish Profile for Rector search describing how the parish has adapted to operating during the pandemic. Tom moved. Nell seconded. All vote in favor.

Treasurer's Report: David Kloess, Gary Dunsmore

- David's financial report is in the dropbox.
- \$131, 414 deficit (YTD through October) which was better than budget of \$302,635 last year was deficit of \$183,406.
- Anticipating that 2020 will have operating deficit of \$143,400, which is favorable to budget by \$41,400.
- Presented preliminary budget representing business-as-usual (BAU), which has a number of assumptions
- Forecasting \$229,300 operating loss for 2021 if we're BAU.
- Gary suggested ministry heads and staff rework their budgets, taking into consideration the covid-19 and delay in hiring the new rector.
- Expect to have a final budget prepared for the January meeting.

Interim Rector's Report: Dean Taylor

- Discussion about Advent and Christmas at St. David's
- Dean asked everyone to look at the advent/Christmas mailout for the coming Friday.
- We won't be in the sanctuary through Christmas, but we are able to do a lot of outdoor activities.
- We will have a live nativity scene on Wednesday, 12/23 from 4-6.
- Camel and donkey for the children.

- There was a suggestion of potentially renting a commercial grade tent that could help with adverse weather conditions, including wind, rain and/or cold.
- Vestry gave suggestions to incorporate, which Dean said he would like to try to incorporate if possible.

Rector Search – Ben Bailey

- Voted on and passed earlier in the meeting the parish profile update, which is what the diocese asked for, as a part of the application process.
- Ben said that restarting is one matter, but the matter of reopening the search for new rector candidates could seem potentially objectionable, which is why we should also not publicize that we're updating the profile
- Ben said we'll need links to the online content so that candidates can quickly access it.
- We should not share any of this information outside of the vestry group until the candidates have been contacted.

Senior warden update: Leonard Ferrand

- Leonard posed the question to the vestry of what time will we hold the Annual Meeting on Sunday December 13th. Original proposal was for 1:30 PM via a Zoom call (from Rebecca). Several vestry members preferred not to have any overlap, so the suggestion was to start at 2:30 PM and end at 3:30 PM. That way it wouldn't interfere with the 4:00 PM messy church family service.
- Leonard commented that we've received feedback from at least one parishioner who suggested it would be nice to have vestry members attend the 10:30 outdoor service. Tom told the parishioner that four vestry members were at the last service.
- The BSA have filed for bankruptcy. The diocese has suggested, simply as a legal matter of financial protection, that St. David's might make a claim under that bankruptcy filing, as insurance. Neither the diocese nor the parish believe there's any likelihood of any ill will or negative backlash. Ben's law firm has done this filing for St. David's. Tom Wilson, from the BSA council, also looked into it and offered the same advice.

Junior warden update: Kristen Acker

- Nothing to report on the maintenance of the grounds. Still waiting on quotes for the stairs and other minor repairs.

Old/New/Other Business

- Tom mentioned that parishes that have grown seem invariably to have some evangelical committee or group whose role it is to proselytize or find new ways to reach prospective new members. He suggested there has been growth of new homes in nearby areas, which might enable St. David's simply to create trifolds inviting people to attend St. David's.

- Scott suggested an alternative solution might be through highly targeted social media advertising and online advertising. This might also easily enable people to get to know St. David's first by attending church online.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Michelle Ortiz

November 27, 2020 email Vote

An email motion was moved by Tom to authorize the spending of \$3,707.34 for the cost of renting a tent with lighting and accessories to be used for Christmas Eve services. The cost will be offset with an anonymous donation of \$1,000. Other donations are welcomed. Ben seconded. The motion passed with the following voting yes: Tom, Nell, Ben, Leonard, Jim, Carole Anne, Ken and Kristen. Votes were not received from Pat, Garner, Donna and Anna.