

# Vestry meeting minutes

## March 21, 2021, 1:00 pm

### Present:

- Kerlin Richter
- Anne Parks, Senior Warden
- Karen Dollar, Treasurer
- Cass Cole
- Crystal Maas
- Rachel Klein
- Madeline Moore
- Ryan Hill
- Josie Cannistra
- Kim Felder

### Absent:

- Gary Allen, Junior Warden
- Paul Strand
- Preston Abbott

### Opening:

- Kerlin started the meeting at 1:06. Rachel opened by reading Jeremiah 31:33.

### Acceptance of March reports [Anne]

- Crystal moved to accept the submitted reports for February; Cass seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of February minutes [Anne]

- Kim moved to accept the minutes for 21 February. Cass seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Money and Social Justice Fund [Karen]

- March money is fine; see Treasurer's Report.
- We got a few larger donations toward the end of last year for whatever was needed and put them in the Building Fund temporarily. Karen opened discussion on the possibility of starting another fund with some of this money, particularly a Social Justice Fund.
  - The Vestry discussed several uses to which money in a Social Justice Fund could be put, including membership in social justice organizations as well as projected costs associated with providing shelter for individuals and/or families in the church building.
- Ryan moved to create a Social Justice Fund with \$20,000 from gifts, with no more than \$500 dedicated to collaborative membership in organizations dedicated to social

justice. Kerlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Cass will write up a description of the Social Justice Fund's purpose so we can announce its creation to the congregation.
- The vestry acknowledged deep gratitude to the specific donors as well as the entire congregation for the generosity that made it possible to create this fund.

### Sheltering Updates [Cass]

- **At our vestry check-in on 7 March**, Ryan made a proposal that we allow St. David's to be listed as a potential supportive partner in a grant application [Family Promise Metro East](#) planned to submit on March 17th. Cass seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Cass has been looking at what permits are required for temporarily sheltering <5 people in our church building for short, defined periods on an informal, as-needed basis.
- The church is not zoned as a shelter and needs a Conditional Use Permit to be allowed to provide temporary shelter. With this permit, we could provide shelter for up to 180 days in a calendar year - we can "freeze" the permit when not needed and "unfreeze" when needed.
- In addition to severe weather, city sweeps of camps is a situation in which St. David's could provide temporary shelter. Cass has continued to be in conversation with Stop the Sweeps around this need. Cass volunteers to coordinate this effort if feasible; Stop the Sweeps will also be able to provide volunteers.
- Ryan moved that Cass and Crystal pursue getting a Conditional Use Permit by meeting with the Fire Marshal this week and that the Vestry authorize the immediate expenditure of up to \$400 on expenses associated with getting the permit. Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cass will start a document recording what else is needed for St. David's to be able to provide temporary shelter as well as what guidelines we will set and share with the rest of the Vestry for collaboration and comment.

### Adjournment

- Crystal closed us in prayer; we adjourned at 2:21 pm. We will next meet formally on 18 April (or 25 April, depending on availability of Vestry members) at 1pm online. We will continue to check in informally every Sunday at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Klein, vestry clerk