

Vestry meeting minutes

July 19, 2020, 1:00 pm

Present:

Gary Allen, Junior Warden
Kieran Cannistra
Karen Dollar, Treasurer
Kim Felder
Ryan Hill
Madeline Moore
Anne Parks, Senior Warden
Kerlin Richter, Rector
Paul Strand

Absent:

Preston Abbott
Crystal Maass

Opening

- Kerlin opened the meeting at 1:09 pm and Paul read for us [Psalm 27:13-14](#) (NRSV).
- We answered the question, "How are you?"

Acceptance of July reports [Anne]

- Kieran moved to accept the submitted reports for July; Paul seconded. Kieran noted that we honor essential workers at 7pm every night (and sing on Thursdays). The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 28 June minutes [Anne]

- Anne asked if there were any objections to the 28 June minutes. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Money [Karen]

- Treasurer's report: "Money is good." We had a really good month. One large annual pledge was paid in full this month, so things should be leveling out over the next few months.
- Thanks to parishioners' generosity, things are good even without building income.
- For two months, the National Church is paying Kerlin's pension, so that helps, as well.

Returning to the building [Kerlin]

- Given that we're not likely to be back in the St. David's building for a long time, Kerlin is forming a small subgroup to look at some issues. If you have strong thoughts or ideas around the following or other facets of our common life please let Kerlin know:
 - Ministry teams
 - Holidays

- Home or yard communion services
- Zoom church
- Pastoral care
- Staff needs
- Long-term strategy for the building
- Finances
- Sarah Haverly, Vance Berry, Kit Walling, and Kieran are currently in this subgroup with Kerlin. This team will likely meet 2-3 times in (distanced) person. **Note:** The team will ensure that Erin remains in step with discussions and plans.

Kitchen remodel update [Madeline]

- Madeline met with Fabian from Neil Kelly to discuss the kitchen remodel. The group is working on a preliminary bid for the kitchen remodel and for needed electrical work.
- Matthew Taylor and Madeline met with parishioner Justin Renault of Roth Heating & Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical, which will work on estimates for the work needed.
- Matt met with a representative from Rose's Equipment and Supply to discuss kitchen appliances.
- Matt will meet with general contractor Angela Wright on Wednesday.
- We still have not received the full Waterleaf report; we're moving ahead without the small remaining bit they have left to give us (estimates for recommended work).

Mutual Ministry feedback [Anne]

- Next week (26 July) during 11:15am vestry check-in (immediately after church), the vestry will meet without Kerlin to answer the following questions. Please email your answers to Kieran (kieran@post.harvard.edu) or Anne (annemattox@gmail.com), **especially** if you either will miss the check-in or don't want to say it out loud. Kerlin will answer the same questions about the vestry and we will have a feedback session and follow-up conversation at our vestry check in on 2 August.
 - What do you appreciate?
 - What would be helpful moving forward?
 - Any other feedback?

150th celebration [Kerlin]

- Ideas so far:
 - Doing another Hymn Sing with Mak
 - A socially-distanced picnic in Sewallcrest Park (park about 5 blocks East of the church)
 - Video walk-through of the history room, with narration outlining important events and people from St. David's history
 - Video compilation of parishioners sharing memories of St. David's events and people
 - A new banner for St. David's to display at Convention/other events.
 - Dedication of a bench (or something similar) outside St. David's ... something maybe the neighborhood could enjoy?
 - Engage the youth group in helping to come up with the new banner.
 - Potential to roll new banner pattern into new coffee mugs for fellowship time, and offer parishioners the opportunity to purchase a mug for personal use to celebrate 150 years.
- Kieran suggested that we do a Sunday service in Sewallcrest Park, followed by a distanced picnic. We discussed the complications of doing church and a picnic in a distanced manner,

especially for the kids. Kieran will check in with Portland Parks and Recreation to see what our options are.

- Gary will follow up with Erin and check in the history room to find the existing banner.
- Paul will own the video project and solicit contributions from parishioners.
- Gary will make a list of important St. David's families who have moved or whose kids are still around but aren't in the directory.

Adjournment

- Kerlin closed us in prayer; we adjourned at 1:55 pm. We will next meet formally on 16 August at 1pm online. We will continue to check in informally every Sunday at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk