

Vestry meeting minutes

January 17, 2021, 1:00 pm

Present:

Preston Abbott

Gary Allen, Junior Warden

Kieran Cannistra

Karen Dollar, Treasurer

Kim Felder

Rachel Klein

Crystal Maass

Madeline Moore

Anne Parks, Senior Warden

Kerlin Richter, Rector

Paul Strand

Absent

Ryan Hill

Opening

- Kerlin opened the meeting at 1:03 pm and Crystal read for us [Isaiah 43:19](#) (NRSV).
- We answered the question, "What's a small hope you have for this new year?"

New banner [Kim]

- Kim emailed to everyone a photo of the new St. David of Wales banner, as well as the story of its creation. (Both the photo and the story are found at the end of these minutes.)

Acceptance of January reports [Anne]

- Gary moved to accept the submitted reports for January; Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Crystal noted that, during a walkthrough with Charles, she found a drain that will allow the testing of the sprinkler system; this means we need no additional plumbing for the sprinkler system.

Approval of 20 December minutes [Anne]

- Anne asked if there were any objections to the 20 December minutes. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Money [Karen]

- We continue to be in good shape, thanks to the generosity of St. David's parishioners.
- We ended the year about \$64k in the black, which includes a \$10k grant from the diocese and \$33k from our forgiven PPP loan.

- Erin and Kerlin need new computer equipment. Paul agreed to research and recommend a suitable laptop for Erin.
- Madeline recommends we start with new equipment for Kerlin and Erin, and also consider upgrading Erin's office desktop computer and getting an iPad for the church.
- Kieran moved to approve up to \$4k from the 2020 special gifts fund, for the purpose of buying new laptops for Erin and Kerlin; Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting: New vestry members and convention delegates [Kerlin]

- We discussed the elements that are needed for the annual meeting bulletin.
- We need to nominate convention delegates at the annual meeting, and we discussed possible candidates. Madeline recommended that we include at least one representative from the last convention to attend again. Kerlin will ask last year's delegates if any of them are willing to attend again this year.
- Madeline was an alternate last year, and agreed to serve as an alternate again this year.
- We talked about how to make the meeting a little more "fun" than a Zoom annual meeting otherwise sounds.

Inauguration day

- Kerlin will host a structured prayer meeting at 6pm on 20 Jan.
- Kerlin will also leave open the Zoom link we use for Morning Prayer after we're done praying, so people who want to sit together are able to do so.

Adjournment

- Anne closed us in prayer; we adjourned at 2:05 pm. We'll next meet for the annual meeting on 24 January at 2pm, immediately followed by a short Vestry meeting. After that, you will next meet formally on 21 February at 1pm online. You will continue to check in informally every Sunday at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church 150th Anniversary Banner Completed January 2021

The Story - A new banner for Saint David's

For our community's 150th Anniversary, which fell during the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2019-20-21, Saint David's Vestry decided to create a new banner to celebrate our life together. During this time, we were unable to gather safely in our sanctuary. We missed being together so much, and found other ways to stay connected as we waited for the day we could return again to our Eucharist Table.



One of our longest attending members, Gary Allen, who is also our Warden and who loves and cares for Saint David's parish in so many ways - was asked a question:

"What is it about our church building and your experience within it over the years that speaks to your soul quite often?"

Gary replied that the light that streams into the sanctuary, onto the altar, speaks to him clearly of God's light and presence among us. Several other parish members have also felt God's presence in this light - whether we are in the sanctuary for services, or passing through on a quiet day to sit, stand, sing, rest, worship or pray in this space.

This banner's design captures the light and colors, the space and anticipation we feel when we gather at Saint David's. Here we celebrate each story of God's presence. From the past - as we hear the Words of God and acknowledge the journey of those saints who lived into this space in years gone by. In the present - as we long to gather again to experience Christ's life, death, burial and resurrection in full seasons of community and communion. And also anticipating a future - where those who have yet to come into this space will be welcomed anew into God's light.