

Vestry meeting minutes

November 11, 2018, 1:00 pm

Present:

Gary Allen, Junior Warden
Barbara Brecht, Senior Warden
Kieran Cannistra
Christine Hill
Ryan Hill
Tracy LeBlanc, Deacon
Derek Moyer
Anne Parks
Kerlin Richter, Rector
Paul Strand

Absent:

Karen Dollar, Treasurer
Randy Ericson
Crystal Parker

Opening

- Barbara opened the meeting in prayer at 1:04 pm.

Approval of 13 October minutes [Barbara]

- Ryan moved to accept the 13 October 2018 minutes and Derek seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of reports [Barbara]

- Derek moved to accept the submitted November reports and Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with kudos to the officers who bothered to send them.

Vestry resignations [Barbara]

- Maddy and Susan have resigned from the vestry, as they have identified other areas in which they wish to serve at St. David's.

Realign vestry to 9 people instead of 12 [Kerlin]

- As we get our ministry teams up and running, Kerlin proposes that we reduce the number of people on our vestry from 12 to 9.
- Derek checked the bylaws, which state that we can have up to 12 people (versus specifying that we must have 12 vestry members).
- Kieran moved that we change to having a vestry of 9 people, each serving for a period of 3 years. Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Candidates for incoming vestry class, date for annual meeting [Kerlin]

- Karen noted in an email before the meeting that she is unavailable on Sunday, 27 January.
- Our annual meeting will be 20 January, 2019.
- Kerlin will start talking to people and identify who would like to serve.

Financial update information: YTD 2018 [Barbara (for Karen)]

- We had a slow summer, and things have not picked up quickly. We will likely benefit from sending letters to parishioners asking for year-end gifts to help us avoid using savings to stay in the black.
- Barbara noted that the financials for this month do not yet reflect money raised at the auction, which includes roughly \$10k toward operating costs.
- We had our Stewardship event on 4 November; we believe that several pledges will still come in.
- Paul attended a digital giving information session yesterday and learned about some new methods for collecting donations that could help us. Kerlin suggested we start a task force to get this up and running; Kieran will work with Paul to get this running.
- Kerlin noted that she has calculated that 75 pledges of at least \$200 per month would cover the church's operating costs. We discussed ways to communicate this number.

2019 initial budget, expense only [Barbara (for Karen)]

- We discussed the need for Barbara to talk to the diocese about the increased costs for 2019.
- Kieran asked about the increased budget for youth group, and suggested we appeal to parents of you for support to help offset cost.

Space usage update [Kerlin]

- Kate will vacate the Fireside Room by the end of the year.

Retreat planning and information for 2019 [Kieran]

- Kieran shared the contract for this year's retreat. If food again costs \$50 per person and we charge \$100 per person, we will break even at 110 participants. Kieran plans to ask families to contribute more if they are able to help keep things affordable for retreaters and for the church.

Create a 3-month position for Unhoused Neighbor Outreach [Kerlin and Barbara]

- For a three-month period, Betty Jo and David will serve as liaison to the houseless community. For filling this role, we will provide them \$300 per month for missionary support.
- We plan to host a spaghetti supper for Epiphany with a gifting and regifting party. David will cook.

Rector's report, including update on Children's Coordinator position [Kerlin]

- Matthew Lawrence leads the Taize service at the cathedral; the service needs to move locations, and he is interested in moving to St. David's. Costs of the program are covered for a period of six months, and Kerlin would like to host the program here for that period of time.
- Kerlin has received one application for the position of children's coordinator.

Adjournment

- Barbara closed us in prayer and we adjourned at 03:23 pm. We will next meet on Sunday, December 2 at 1pm at church and then again on Sunday, December 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk