

**Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**January 21, 2024**

**Present:**

Barbara Brecht, Clerk  
Steve Bullock-Denniston  
Al Burns  
Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden  
Cass Cole  
Ned Hayes, Junior Warden  
Emily Maass  
Jim McConnell, Treasurer  
Wendy Beth Oliver  
Dennis j Parker

**Absent:**

Kit Walling

**Others Present:**

Mark Turner

**Meeting Commenced at:** 11:47

**Open in Prayer:** Dennis j Parker

**Consent Agenda, January Reports, December 17 Minutes:**

- Motion to approve Reports and Minutes: Minutes adjusted to reflect that. Ned moved. Jim second. Passed unanimously

**VOD through February 25, 2024:**

- 2/4: Wendy
- 2/11 Emily

- 2/14 (Ash Wednesday: two services?) Kieran 7:00; Barbara 12:00
- 2/25 Jim

Thank You Cards for January: Shovelers, especially Crystal, Emily, Ned, Finn

January Brian help: Distributing and counting ballots during the Annual Meeting: Noted and discussed later in the meeting

Rector's report (Dennis+)

- Open vestry positions discussion: Have two identified candidates
- Vote: Dennis housing allowance: AI Moved that Dennis+ would designate \$42,500 for housing allowance. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Financials (In packet, Turner, Jim and Katie)

- December financials: Financials were in order and in the black for end of FY 2023.
- Task force update: Barbara made a motion to appoint the following people to the Task force: Karen Dollar, Jim McConell, Mark Turner, Cindy Marvin, Ann Parks, Holly Bullock-Denniston, Kieran Cannistra. AI seconded. Motion passed. Steve and Wendy abstained due to having partners who were appointed.
- Brigid's Table: Motion presented as follows:

**Saint David of Wales will become the sponsoring entity for "Brigid's To Go." Saint David of Wales will assume responsibility for receiving and disbursing monies for "Brigid's To Go". Saint David of Wales will partner with "Friends of Brigid's to Go" and Grace Baptist Church. In the event that either or both of the other two partners are unable or unwilling to continue in their identified roles, Saint David of Wales will have no responsibility for those roles and the program will be terminated. Should this occur, funds received from grants for this purpose shall be returned to the grantor. Any other in hand**

**monetary donations will revert to the “Justice and Mercy” team of Saint David of Wales.**

AI moved to accept as presented. Seconded by Cass. Motion passed unanimously.

Business:

- 2024 diocesan convention delegates (three) and alternate (one):  
Delegates to be recommended for vote at the Annual Meeting:  
Kieran Cannistra, Ann Parks, Shannon Sanford. Barbara Brecht, alternate
- Annual meeting:
  - Eligible voters are identified as over 16 years of age and a pledging person of record to St David’s,
  - Motion language for proposed bylaws:

**“St David of Wales repeals our existing bylaws, repeals the 1904 supplemental articles of incorporation (retaining the original 1894 articles of incorporation as amended in 2021), and adopts the proposed bylaws as presented on our website, December 20, 2023.”**

- Vote process: Brian will take the lead. The Clerk, by role definition, is assigned to oversee the voting process. Kieran will develop the ballot(s). AI and Steve will serve as tellers. Votes will be gathered in offering plates.
- Children’s ministries coordinator update and youth lead: Cleo has been hired for the Children's Ministries Coordinator position.
- Building Curator update (Ned)

Building

- Kitchen update (BII team report): Slowed due to weather the past week
- General building update (Ned): Attempting to procure a timely plumbing fix prior to “Family Promise” in February. Unsure if it will be

ready in time. Cass will be working to ensure an appropriate setting is found if Saint David's cannot host.

Open Floor:

- Dennis is in conversation with Sara Warfield of St Luke the Physician regarding partnering for a mutual audit. No decision. Dennis will continue the conversation.
- Prayers for Dennis' nephew Doug who is near death. Dennis may need a trip back East in the near future to be with family for this sad development.

Close in Prayer: Barbara closed in prayer

Meeting ended at 1:19

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Brecht, Clerk