

Vestry Minutes
June 26, 2023
Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church
Portland, Oregon

Present: Barbara Brecht, Clerk
Al Burns
Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden
Cass Cole
Karen Dollar, Co-Treasurer
Aaron Epperson
Ned Hayes, Junior Warden
Jim McConnell, Co-Treasurer
Wendy Beth Oliver
Kit Walling
Cass Cole

Absent: Dru Van Hengel

Invited Guests:

The Rev. Chris Craun, Missioner for Thriving Congregations
The Rev. Dennis j. Parker
Deacon Tracy Leblanc
Madeline Moore
Katie Cowgill

Meeting began at 11:45 AM

Open in prayer

Executive Session: Discussion with Rev. Craun regarding events of the past four days and general information regarding diocesan support during an interim period.

Open Meeting started at 12:24

Open Floor: The meeting was opened to several visitors who wished to speak in support of Kerlin and in response to the Bishop's actions with respect to restricting Kerlin's privileges as priest. These included Kerlin's family, who spoke about the love in their family, as well as other members of the parish. They expressed concern about Kerlin's treatment, how the service that day had been handled, and not having information. The Rev. Chris Craun advised those attending that their comments and views would be shared and that she heard them.

Jim initiated the following Motion: "The Vestry requests the diocese or bishop waive the ban for communication between Kerlin and the community in order to enhance support for both." Ned seconded. Motion passed. One abstention.

Open Floor was concluded and Vestry moved to the rest of the agenda

Thank you and other cards for June: Marielle

Consent Agenda: June Reports and May 22, 2023 Minutes: Moved to approve, Barbara. Seconded Kit. Approved unanimously.

VOD Through July:

July 2: Barbara

July 9: Jim

Jul 23: Wendy

Financials:

2024 Budget Discussion: Deferred

Vote: Authorize additional budget for the Rev. Dennis j. Parker: Vote no longer needed in light of events the past four days.

Building:

- Fire Inspection update (Ned): Thank you Ned
- Kitchen update (Ned): If no movement by next month, vestry will consider legal action necessary to move the process forward. Air conditioning has been installed in the parish hall and the kitchen. More updates next month.
- Authorization (all): Deferred
- Tenant Improvements (All): Deferred

Business:

- Behavioral Covenant (Discussion): Deferred
- Staffing Update (Kieran): Likely have a hire. Kieran will keep us informed.

Ministry Items:

- Oversight (Kieran): Deferred
- Parent Engagement description (in packet): Deferred
- Worship and Liturgy description (in packet): Deferred

Closed in Prayer

Closed 1:54

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Brecht, Clerk