

**Vestry Minutes**  
**June 30, 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  
Kit Walling  
Dru Van Hengel

**Absent:** Wendy Beth Oliver

**Invited Guests:** The Rev. Dennis j. Parker, for Pastoral Support

Opened in Prayer: Rev. Dennis

Meeting commenced at 6:11 PM. It was noted that a quorum was present. Quorum was noted at 6:11 PM which meets requirement for 48 hours notice.

It was noted that Dennis had “no standing” at this meeting and was present only in his capacity to provide pastoral support.

1. **Update and discussion on directive prohibiting communication with Kerlin:** “No Contact” order that Bishop Akiyama had initiated has been lifted by the bishop. Per the bishop, Kerlin has demonstrated that she does not need that space for discernment at this time. Communication is now allowed with anyone in the St David’s community.
2. **Rev. Kerlin Richter’s status as an employee of St David of Wales:** Kerlin submitted a text of resignation to Rev. Chris Craun, Diocese Missioner for Thriving Congregations, today, which stated: “Hi Chris, Please consider this my notice that as of July 1, I resign from my position as Rector of saint David’s. I will send the congregation a letter next week.” (NOTE: typed as exactly received). Rev. Chris wrote back: “Received. Thank you, Kerlin.”
  - Vote to accept resignation, per Title III, Canon 9, Section 15a: *Vestry accepts Rev. Kerlin Richter’s resignation from the role of rector of St. David of Wales, effective Saturday July 1, per her text to Rev. Chris Craun, sent Friday, June 30, and authorizes the Vestry to resolve the final details of her employment.* Al made Motion to accept the resignation as outlined above. Cass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

- Vote to resolve the terms of Kerlin's separation: *Vestry approved submission of a letter from the wardens to Rev. Kerlin Richter that outlines the terms of the dissolution of St. David of Wales's pastoral relationship with her, which include payment of stipend, housing, and utilities (SHU) through the end of July, 2023 at her current 50% rate, amounting to \$3,451, and an additional \$5,491 for 17.16 days of vacation time she will have accrued from January 1 through June 30, 2023, including 8 days carried forward from 2022. Ned made motion to accept the terms of separation as outlined above, Cass seconded. A friendly amendment was offered that the text be changed such that "Vestry approved **resignation** and submission of . . .". Motion accepted by Ned and Cass. Al called the question. Passed unanimously. No abstentions.*

Rev. Dennis was asked to leave at this time

### 3. **Rev. Dennis j. Parker's status as interim rector of St. David of Wales**

- Vote on terms of Dennis's hiring: *Vestry approves \$40,000 be offered to Rev. Dennis j. Parker as Stipend/Housing/Utilities (SHU), if he is approved by Bishop Akiyama as St David of Wales's interim rector, all of which will be designated as housing allowance, with direction given to the finance committee to carefully consider and report from which budget line items this amount will be taken. Dru moved to accept as written with the provision that the bishop's verbal approval be received in writing. Cass seconded. A friendly amendment was offered to increase the \$40,000 to \$42,850. Friendly amendment accepted by Dru and Cass. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.*
- Vote to increase available funds for supply through 2023: *Vestry approved the finance committee's request that \$1,875 be set aside for supply priests for the remainder of 2023, with direction given to the finance committee to carefully consider and report from which budget line items this amount will be taken. Aaron moved to approve about said motion, Kit seconded. Passed unanimously. No abstentions.*

Closed in Prayer: Jim

Meeting closed at 7:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brecht,  
Clerk