

Vestry Minutes
Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church
September 17, 2023

Present:

Barbara Brecht, Clerk
Al Burns
Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden
Cass Cole
Karen Dollar, Treasurer
Ned Hayes, Junior Warden
Jim McConnell
Wendy Beth Oliver
Rev. Dennis j Parker, Interim Rector

Absent:

Kit Walling

Others Present:

Mark Turner, Finance Committee

Open in Prayer: Rev. Dennis j Parker

Thank you and other cards for September: Laurie Baird

Consent Agenda: September Reports, August 20 minutes, and August 24 minutes: moved to accept Jim, seconded by Wendy. Ned noted that while the Executive Committee approved the carpet purchase for two rooms, it was only needed for one room.

VOD through October 23:

9/24: Wendy
10/8: Barbara
10/22: Cass

Financials (In packet, Karen)

- Bookkeeper update (Karen): Doing well, year to date. Audit has been completed. No major recommendations.

New Vestry Members:

- Steve Bullock-Denniston willing to consider, to fill out term.
- Emily Maass willing to consider

- Ned moved to extend invitations to Steve and Emily to join the Vestry for the unexpired terms of Dru and Aaron. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed unanimously.

The Vestry discussed the perception of an “interim” rector and our need to take time before we proceed with the steps we would need to call a new rector. Jim made a motion to request that we have a “Priest in Charge” through December 2024 and that it be offered to Dennis Parker. Dennis consented to staying through 2024 subject to the terms of an agreement with the Vestry and the Bishop’s approval. Seconded by Al. Motion passed with all approving with an abstention by Dennis.

Building:

- Vote ratification: Exec committee carpet vote from August 24. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kitchen update (Ned and Kieran): Fire department signed off. So, hoping moving to forward.
- Building update (Ned). Forrest School updating a lot, helping upgrade. Also updating WiFi in the basement, working together. Josh is working out well, getting more hours after scheduled work hours and working to curtail after hours calls.

Business:

- Family Promise update (Cass and Dennis) Big ask is for a co-coordinator. Need brain support for layout and support. Went well but support church did not provide as many volunteers as expected. Need to coordinate with support church to ensure able to provide volunteers for other shifts. Need to help enlist others in the parish.
- Children’s Ministries coordinator update and youth lead (Kieran): Andrew will be leaving as youth minister. Consider combining children and youth leader into one position. Will write up possible job description and the Finance Committee can view options.
- I Advent: Bishop visit (Dennis)
- Bylaws project (Al)
 - Conceptual approval to drafting approach: to resolve inconsistencies with non profit law and diocese and canons of the church. Al gave an overview.
 - Set scope and timeline for remaining drafting
 - Appoint a bylaws review committee

Closed in Prayer

Meeting ended 1:28

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brecht, Clerk