

# Vestry meeting minutes

## February 21, 2021, 1:00 pm

### Present:

- Kerlin Richter
- Anne Parks, Senior Warden
- Gary Allen, Junior Warden
- Karen Dollar, Treasurer
- Cass Cole
- Crystal Maas
- Rachel Klein
- Madeline Moore
- Ryan Hill
- Paul Strand
- Josie Cannistra
- Preston Abbott
- Kim Felder
- Vance Berry

### Opening:

- Kerlin started the meeting at 1:12. Rachel opened by reading Mark 1:12-13.

### Acceptance of February reports [Anne]

- Ryan moved to accept the submitted reports for February; Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of January minutes [Anne]

- Paul moved to accept the minutes for 17 January and 24 January. Preston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Family Promise [Ryan/Vance]

- Ryan and Vance met with [Family Promise Metro East](#) on Thursday to talk about a ministry opportunity for St. David's.
- The proposal would be to house up to 4 homeless families at a time in the church for 1 week every 3 months and provide 3 meals a day. Per Family Promise, 20-50 volunteers would be needed to make this happen.
  - We can partner with other churches to make sure we have enough volunteers. There would be ~2 supporting congregations to help us reach the number of volunteers we need.
- We were originally connected with Family Promise via Kerlin talking to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.
- Desired timeline to start with this is late 2021-early 2022.
- Next step would be Family Promise walking through the building to make sure it's a

suitable space, probably followed by committing to being part of the program. Ryan and Vance will pursue this step and invite anyone else who might be helpful to the process.

- No action items for the Vestry at this time.

### **Building Use [Cass]**

- Cass attended Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meeting on Thursday. They are looking into options to support more outside temporary shelter because of homeless sweeps.
- They are also in need of emergency shelter space for weather emergencies. This would be shelter for a small group of people (1-2). They have all the volunteer power needed as well as de-escalation and casework (though additional volunteers would be very welcome).
- Space in the parking lot could also potentially be used for people seeking shelter after homeless sweeps.
- We are already on a list with the Red Cross as potential emergency shelter in a disaster, though we have never been called by them.
- Kerlin will connect Cass with the vice-chancellor from the diocese who can discuss potential liability issues.
- Cass will continue gathering information from the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association about this option and continue the discussion in future Vestry check-ins.

### **Money update [Karen]**

- January money was pretty typical.
- As noted in the Treasurer's report, we have been issued a second PPP loan for \$33,215. Rivermark has been really good to us in this process.
- Kim moved to approve the Parochial Report. Preston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Building Update [Madeline]**

- Madeline proposed allocating \$57,000 to totally revamp the electrical system at St. David's, \$8606 to come from the Kitchen Fund, which currently has a balance of around \$60,000; and the remainder (ranging from \$42,612 to \$48,394) to come from the Building Fund, which currently has a balance of around \$65,000.
  - Rachel moved to approve the above proposal. Cass seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - The vestry all expressed thanks to Madeline for her many hours of work on getting electrical work lined up.
- **At our Vestry check-in on 14 February**, Madeline brought forward a proposal to spend \$5000 on a capital campaign consultant from Rose City Philanthropy: \$2000 from Doug's memorial fund and \$3000 from the building fund. Josie moved to vote on this proposal. Rachel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Madeline shared at the current meeting that we are in the process of drawing up a contract with the consultant from Rose City Philanthropy.

### **Social Justice [Kerlin]**

- We want to continue the discussion on how St David's can engage with social justice in our community and do so in a way that is both centered around who we are serving and an authentic expression of who we are.
- Book recommendations: *When Helping Hurts*, *Toxic Charity*.

### **Adjournment**

- Madeline closed us in prayer; we adjourned at 2:29 pm. We will next meet formally on 21 March at 1pm online. We will continue to check in informally every Sunday at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Klein, vestry clerk