

Vestry Minutes, August 13, 2017, 12:00 pm

Present:

Gary Allen, Junior Warden
Barbara Brecht, Senior Warden
Kieran Cannistra
Karen Dollar, Treasurer
Randy Ericson
LeRoy Goertz
Madeline Moore
Derek Moyer
Maddy Ouye
Crystal Parker
Anne Parks
Kerlin Richter, Rector
Paul Strand

Absent:

Rachel Larsen

Opening

- Barbara opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:09 pm.

July, 2017 minutes and consent agenda

- Derek moved to accept the 16 July, 2017 minutes and Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Remaining items from 16 July minutes:
 - Rachel volunteered to investigate a photo directory.
- Randy moved to accept the August, 2017 Junior Warden report and LeRoy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jr. Warden update [Gary and Crystal]

- We are grateful to Tom Price for all the work he puts into the church. He reports that we have some neighbors camping on the church grounds, and we are not currently set up to deal with such activity. We are therefore looking to have gates reinstalled on the grounds (across the front of the East side of the building, blocking the garden).
 - To reinstall two galvanized metal 10-foot wide, 6-foot tall gates on the property would be \$295
 - Estimate for new galvanized metal fence: \$596
 - Estimates for two pieces of black fencing and a 42-inch gate: \$739
- Kieran moved to go with the inexpensive option; Derek seconded. Points of discussion: The cheap option would make it harder for the people who volunteer and work in our yard to gain access, the cheap option won't make installation any quicker (all options will take about three

weeks), we need to protect parishioners and building partners from possibly hostile guests, possibility that we spend money on an expensive fence that we decide to replace as part of the bigger renovation. 6 voted in favor of the inexpensive option and 5 against; the motion passed. LeRoy noted that we can, “Quit riding the fence” on this issue and move on. All groaned. [EDIT, per 10 September meeting: LeRoy did not groan. Crystal laughed. Anne rolled her eyes, but did not groan. The report is therefore inaccurate. The Clerk regrets the error.]

- Fire safety sprinkler inspection happened this week, with two discrepancies. One flow switch doesn't have power to it and one needs to be replaced. Before we can get a quote for repair, we need a service report, which we have not yet received.

Financial update [Karen]

- Expenses are pretty well normal. We're about \$5k low, due to summer slowdown. This is expected.
- We'll have the audit Wednesday morning, Marianne Ericson and Cynthia Marvin will run that.

Praying the Directory [Barbara]

- Barbara proposed keeping the names for a second month, since we're just getting our prayer groove on.
- Kieran and Anne noted that it was helpful to print out pictures of people for whom we're praying, particularly if you don't know the family.
- As a reminder, last month we divided the directory, as follows:
 - As: Gary
 - Bs: Kieran
 - Cs: Derek
 - D-G: Maddy
 - H-I: Randy
 - J-L: Barbara
 - Ma-Mc: Paul
 - Md-Mz: Madeline
 - O-R: Anne
 - S: Rachel
 - T-Z: LeRoy

Giving by credit card [Kieran and Barbara]

- Kieran created a walkthrough document to help those willing to work the Point of Sale donation station after church on Sundays.
- Rachel has added an item to the weekly Liturgical server schedule. Thank you, Rachel! Barbara suggests signing up for two weeks in a row for the POS system, so you get to practice and then try it when you're more comfortable.

Auction update [Barbara, in Jeanne's absence]

- The auction is Friday, 29 September.
- Vestry members should be prepared to help solicit donations. We can each also offer something for people to bid on: Sign up to do a backyard barbecue, an outing you host, share a skill you can share in a class, etc.

- We need to come up with a specific request for the paddle raise. Karen noted that we run a little shallow each month and if we plan to increase staff at all next year, we need seed money for it. Kerlin noted that additional staff would make the transition to a two-service Sunday much easier.
- Last year: \$13k raised from the auction for operating expenses, \$25k seed money for the roof, \$20,942 from the paddle raise for the roof.
- Crystal suggested raising funds for youth spaces, particularly replacing the outdated play structure in the playground. Kerlin and Crystal will meet with some youth (suggested: Evelyn, Emily, Josie) to discuss needs and plans for the paddle raise.

Lindsay Ross reaffirmation for candidacy for Holy Orders [Kerlin]

- LeRoy moved to reaffirm our support for Lindsay Ross as she continues her work in seminary. Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously. We signed the reaffirmation.

Update on Strategic Plan and Master Plan proposal [Derek and Madeline]

- Derek shared that the committee [Derek, Madeline, Anne Parks, Sarah Haverly, Jeanne Kaliszewski, Ryan Hill, Doug Upchurch and Susan Fleming] is in the process of designing a system to engage as a congregation to answer questions about our mission.
- The committee has identified questions that we'll answer as a parish in a series of meetings, to take place on different days, times and locations. All meetings will follow the same structure, and the hope is that everyone at St. David's will be able to attend at least one of the sessions. The committee will also lead some activities during coffee hours, as was done during creation of the Parish Profile a couple of years ago.
- We plan to engage Vestry, staff, the Diocese, lay leadership and building partners. The committee is working out how to engage the neighborhood, as well.
- The plan is to have a complete document unveiled during the first week of Advent (December, not October, as mentioned in the all-Parish meeting earlier this morning).
- The committee will communicate with parishioners in Sunday announcements, a bulletin board in the church hallway, and via eNotes.
- Most of the work on the Master Plan will start after we've gathered conversations into a coherent statement about who we are as a church. Which means the Master Plan will likely not be done by the first week in Advent; the hope is to have it completed soon after that.

Holy Homework [Barbara]

- We had 21 responses to the Holy Homework. (Barbara added hand-written responses to the digital form. Which is only one of many reasons SHE. IS. AWESOME.)

Rector's report, Ministry updates, and Mission and Vision [Kerlin]

- Yeah, so. Kerlin's been camping. And that was great. Ask her about her top ten places to camp in Central Oregon!
- On Wednesday, Kerlin and many other St. David of Wales parishioners attended a session in which we learned about Eucharistic community suppers. We'll start with a weekly Wednesday Potlucharist, beginning Wednesday, 13 September.
- Walkthrough with the insurance representative went well. There were no major issues.

- We discussed the increase in campers and RVs in the parking lot and the neighborhood, and how we deal with the increase. Kieran noted that the Mennonite church at 35th and Main is also dealing with the issue, and they might have some insight that would be helpful.
- Gary spoke with the local police, and they asked if we had a No Trespass agreement. Though we've spoken about this in the past, we do not have one. Given that we now have building partners that use our building late at night, we need to revisit our approach to security. We will be having discussions on this topic in coming months. Please keep this issue and the neighbors it affects in your prayers; as ideas come to you, please share them with Kerlin.

Adjournment

- Barbara closed us in prayer. We adjourned at 1:22 pm. Our next meeting is Sunday, 10 September.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk