

**Vestry Minutes**  
**Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church**  
**December 15, 2023**

**Present:**

Barbara Brecht, Clerk  
Steve Bullock-Denniston  
Al Burns  
Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden  
Cass Cole  
Karen Dollar, Treasurer  
Ned Hayes, Junior Warden  
Emily Maass  
Jim McConnell, Treasurer  
Kit Walling

**Absent:**

Wendy Beth Oliver

**Others Present:** Madeline Moore  
Margaret McCue  
Mark Turner

**Meeting Commenced at:**

**Open in Prayer: 11:48AM**

**Consent Agenda, December Reports, November 19 Minutes:**

- Motion to approve Reports and Minutes: Cass moved, Ned Seconded. Passed unanimously

**VOD through January 28, 2024:**

1/14: Steve

1/28 (Annual Meeting): Jim

**Safe Church Training reminders**

**Thank yous and other cards for November:** Randy Dollar, Cindy Marvin

**December Brian Help:** Annual Report Brochure, Madeline can proofread.

**Rector's Report (Dennis+)**

- Open vestry positions discussion: Three positions open and will be voted on at the annual meeting. We have five people who are willing to stand.
- Churchwide discussions: They happened, about 50 people participated.

**Financials (In packet, Karen, Jim, Katie)**

- YTD, \$40,000 to the good. Much due to no support staff salaries during the first part of the year.
- Stewardship Update: 47 pledging units totalling \$173,120.
- Move that we establish a task force recommendation as written: The Finance team recommends that the Vestry establish a task force in order to strategize what personnel St David's can support beginning in 2025 and beyond." Jim moved, Barbara second. Friendly amendment offered: "The task force will consist of five to seven people, recommendation made to Vestry no later by March 31, 2024. Make up shall include the following people: one from finance, one from vestry, one from personnel, other two from the general community. Committee will be dissolved no later than April 1, 2024." Motion to accept friendly amendment. Ned so moved, Emily seconded. Amendment passed unanimously. Original motion with amendments passed unanimously.
- Signatures update: Tom Price and Margaret Jean Baker have signed off and are no longer signatories on any St David of Wales accounts no later than December. 31, 2023.
- Added Signatory: Motion to add Cindy Marvin as a signatory. Kit so moved, Cass seconded.
- Weekly deposit volunteers: Deferred
- 2024 Budget: Cass made a motion to accept as presented. Kit seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Brigid's Table proposal from Barbara. Ned Moved to accept responsibility for fiduciary role for funds for Brigid's Table if grant of \$10,000 is offered. Cass seconded. Motion failed unanimously. Barbara will clarify what expenses would be allowable if the grant is offered in order to establish financial guard rails.

### **Business:**

- 2024 diocesan convention delegates (two) and alternates (two): deferred until next month.
- Bylaws project (Wendy and Emily) Motion to accept Bylaws as presented. Barbara moved, Emily seconded. Passed unanimously. Thanks to Al, Wendy and Emily.
- Children's ministries coordinator update and youth team lead (Dennis+): A possible candidate has been identified. Focus on parent engagement and team building
- Building Curator update (Ned): Discussed previously

### **Building:**

- Kitchen update (Margaret): Work has started in the kitchen. View report to see specifics. Updates being given in order to minimally impact building users. Charles is the one point of contact for the main contractor. Margaret contact if complications
- General building update (Ned): Bathroom issue, a faucet was left running, flooded both upstairs and downstairs bathrooms. Mitigation specialist engaged immediately.

### **Open Floor:**

- Today is Karen's last vestry meeting. She received a standing ovation. She was thanked profusely.
- Robustly Thanked Madeline as Chair of the Finance Team
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- **Close in Prayer:** Dennis

**Meeting ended at: 1:16**