

**Saint David of Wales  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2024**

**Vestry members present:** Rev. Dennis j Parker Sagun; Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden; Jim McConnell, Treasurer; Wendy Beth Oliver, Clerk; Steve Bullock-Denniston; Brian Felder; Cheaquetta Johnson; Emily Maass.

**Absent:** Ned Hayes and Mary Hultquist.

**Also present:** None

We opened with a song by Rev. Dennis and the meeting was called to order at 11:47am.

**Profile and Search Committee update**

Kieran provided an update on the Profile and Search Committees. There are two applicants that have been submitted to the Bishop for review prior to being sent to us. Applications will be accepted until February 17. Rev. Julia Nielsen (Jules) can provide a presentation to the Vestry on evaluating leadership and bias. Kieran will discuss with her and find out who on Vestry can attend.

**Consent Agenda**

Rev. Dennis moved to approve the Consent Agenda (January Reports & December 15, 2024) Minutes and Steve seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously with two corrections.

**Thank yous and other cards for January.** Kieran will ask Mary about the individual who has offered to do the stained glass work for free.

**Financial Report**

Jim discussed December finances. December was hefty with pledges and strong plate offerings, repairs and maintenance of \$7,500.

Kieran mentioned that employment agreements for Parish employees were included in the packet.

Kieran read into the minutes a vote conducted by email to approve the expenditure of \$3,379 from the Building and Grounds line item for repairs to our sprinkler system discovered during a fire inspection on November 27, 2024. The quoted amount is based on an estimate from Viking Fire Protection, the vendor who will complete the work. The motion was approved on January 12, 2025.

Jim moved to approved up to \$1, 175 to refinish the floor in the Parish Hall. Cheaquetta seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Emily moved to approve a resolution that the entire compensation for Rev. Dennis be treated as housing allowance. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Rev. Dennis.

Kieran mentioned that after the new rector is called, Rev. Dennis will have to be away for 6 months to a year.

**Rector's Report**

Rev. Dennis spoke about the Annual Meeting. Chris Norloff and Fran Gardener have agreed to stand for the Vestry. We will have three delegates and one alternate for the Diocesan Convention. He highlighted that this is the most successful stewardship campaign that we have had. We are required to vote with paper ballots.

Rev. Dennis also mentioned that St. Stephen's is closing and we may be able to get some of their furnishings. The church building will be sold to Operation Nightwatch, which has been hosted by the church, with no exchange of cash. He spoke about the long history of St. Stephen's. The community has been worshipping since the 1860s. It was the first church in Diocese to conduct an inter-racial marriage and the first church to recognize members of Japanese-American community who were detained and kept watch over their homes while they were away.

### **Senior Warden**

Kieran advised that Vestry/BAC Day is February 8 from 10am-4pm, at St. James in Tigard. Kieran would like for us to get a grant to improve some things in the sanctuary, including what are we doing with hybrid, can it be streamed, get better equipment.

Building: one vendor stands between us and firing up the kitchen. This is the vendor for the firebox. Then an inspection will be required. Some additional work, including railing on roof, is also needed. We will need to inaugurate the space, possibly Juanita leading youth in baking bread.

Jim closed us in prayer at 12:30pm.