

# Vestry Minutes, May 18, 2017, 6:30 pm

## **Present:**

Barbara Brecht, Senior Warden  
Kerlin Richter, Rector  
Kieran Cannistra  
Randy Ericson  
LeRoy Goertz  
Rachel Larsen  
Madeline Moore  
Derek Moyer  
Maddy Ouye  
Anne Parks  
Paul Strand

## **Absent:**

Gary Allen, Junior Warden  
Karen Dollar, Treasurer

## **Opening**

- Barbara opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30pm.

## **Consent agenda**

- Leroy moved to accept the April 9 minutes and Randy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Kieran has open items from the April meeting and will complete them by our next Vestry meeting.

## **Review and Approval of Discernment committee's letters for potential postulants**

[Barbara]

- Derek summarized a meeting he, Juanita Weber and Jon Williams had with Matthew David Morris about Matthew David's candidacy as a postulant for priesthood. Derek, Juanita and Jon all recommend that the Vestry endorse Matthew David as a postulant for priesthood.
- Madeline asked what St. David's responsibility to our postulants is. Kerlin stated that we are not financially responsible for their seminary tuition, but that churches often pass the plate to cover costs associated with books and the like.
- Kieran moved to endorse, and Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Barbara summarized the letter from Carolyn Rudy, Sandy Parks and John David Pitts, who recommend the Vestry endorse Jessie Thompson as postulant for priesthood.
- Derek moved to endorse, and Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Vestry signed letters of endorsement for Matthew David and Jessie.

## **Parochial Report status [Kerlin and Barbara]**

- Barbara introduced the Parochial Report, a copy of which is in the May vestry packet.
- Randy moved to approve the report, and Maddy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial update [Barbara, in Karen's absence]**

- Barbara summarized Karen's financial overview: We're in fantastic shape, thanks in large part to a month with five Sundays and Easter in it.
- We caught up, a bit, with our debt to the Diocese, reducing that debt from \$35,000 to \$24,535.
- A parishioner made a donation of \$6,143, to go toward capital projects. (This is not reflected in this month's numbers, however, because of the timing of the gift.)

### **Roof update [Barbara]**

- Roof work is on hold until we have a contract in place that protects us. (The lawyers who reviewed the contract for us advised us—twice: once for the first version of the contract, and a second time after the contract was revised—not to sign the contract with the first contractor.)
- Immediately after the Vestry meeting, Vestry members and some other parishioners will meet with Bob Able (H&A Construction Company) to give an overview of what working with them would look like. (He and an architect, Peter Meijer, have already walked through the building and spent some time here.) Bob has done a lot of work for churches in the area and suggests we have a thorough examination done of the building, due to its age. All needed work would be identified and prioritized.

### **Deacon fund [Barbara and Kerlin]**

- Though we no longer have a Deacon, we still have a Deacon fund. It's roughly \$400, at this point. (Funds stay with the parish, typically.)
- Linda has requested that her fund go with her wherever she goes, so she won't have to start from scratch when she starts there.
- Kerlin and Barbara would like, once we know where Linda is placed, to do a special collection one Sunday to get her started, if needed, and keep the Deacon fund with Saint David's.
- Madeline reminded us that we need to include this fund in our annual audit.

### **Rector's Report, Ministry Updates, and Mission and Vision [Kerlin]**

- There is a Safe Church training on Saturday, 17 June. Email Erin, if interested.
- Non-event is this Saturday, 20 May. So far, we're raising a good amount.
- Bishop's visit scheduled for 3 December, but another church has asked us to switch for 17 December. No members of the Vestry opposed this change.
- 4 June: Annual barbecue. Kieran will ask Matt if he will do the pork butt thing again, this year. The hospitality team WILL still do its thing on that Sunday, since the barbecue isn't until 4pm.

### **Adjourn and meet with contractor and architect**

- We adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kieran Cannistra, vestry clerk