

Vestry Minutes

23 May, 2016

Attendees:

Rev. Kerlin Richter
Linda Goertz, Deacon
LeRoy Goertz
Madeline Moore
Joe Kaliszewski
Fran Gardner
Barbara Brecht
Gary Allen
Kieran Cannistra

Opening Prayer and Reflection- Barbara led the Vestry in a reflection on Eugene Peterson's interpretation of Proverbs 8:1-11 and 8:20-24.

Consent Agenda- Fran moved to approve the April minutes and May officer reports. LeRoy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

July meeting- Barbara shared that Derek has invited the Vestry to meet at his home (and enjoy some barbecue).

Treasurer's report- Joe stated that we're doing "fantastic" in the expense categories, but we have a revenue issue (pledge and plate). The spring fundraiser looks to have raised about \$4,000. (The budget set the year's fundraising goal as \$11,000.)

Madeline updated the Vestry on the audit that took place earlier today; a number of items were flagged, such as computer security and debit card use. The audit findings are being written up and will be reported to the Vestry before being submitted to the Diocese by 1 July.

Parochial report- LeRoy moved to approve the Parochial report as presented. Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May and future fundraisers- Madeline reported that six or seven women attended the planning meeting held after church on Sunday, 22 May. Sarah Haverley will co-chair the fall fundraiser with Maddy Ouye, set for October 28 (the Friday before Halloween).

Youth- LeRoy reported that he had a plan—kick off the youth group, then recruit two adults to take over—but discovered that he might love the kids and meeting with them too much to put the plan into practice. He wants the congregation to get to know the kids in the group. He would like to see happen at St. David's what he remembers from his church: The youth were comfortable with the adults and could talk to any of them about most anything. He's exploring different structures that could help bring this about. To date, they've interviewed Christine and Ryan, who appear to be interested in "the fun part" of leading youth group. Barbara noted that Juanita suggested that our youth attend the Episcopal youth event that will take place in Oklahoma in the summer of 2017. Barbara suggested we consider some fundraising to ensure that any children who want to attend will be able to do so.

Disabled access audit- Fran met with Bill Bailey of Waterleaf Architects on 20 May. Fran submitted a written report summarizing this meeting. Important to note: Oregon law requires that 25% of the expense of any remodel must go to improving access.

Roof repair- Barbara and Gary will meet this week with four roofing companies recommended by parishioners. Once they've met with each of the company representatives, the building committee will determine whether it's in the parish's interest to pay for a detailed evaluation of roof work needed. Madeline noted that St. Barnabas is doing something with their roof, and maybe we should talk to someone there. Kerlin agreed to call them and investigate.

Capital Campaign- Kerlin shared that the Episcopal Church Foundation has a section on their site with helpful resources. Per the Capital Campaign book with the awful cover and worse title, a campaign consultant is critical to a successful campaign. Madeline suggested we contact the bank St. David's uses to explore a loan; Barbara has already done so and is waiting for a call back.

Rector's report- Kerlin would like to put a stop to meetings she needs to attend that take place immediately after church. She needs to leave this time to meet with people who are visiting St. David's for the first time. During the 26 June service, we will welcome new parishioners into the church. (The week before, Kerlin will have lunch with new parishioners, giving them a chance to ask questions about St. David's.) Kerlin hopes to do this three or four times each year.

31 May, Kerlin will attend a conference in Atlanta, then a TENS conference in L.A.

Kerlin expressed her thanks for the Vestry's support of the non-event fundraiser and for the barbecue on Pentecost.

We have a baptism (twins!) coming up this Sunday, 29 May, and two other children later this summer.

Kerlin is working on a brochure that will highlight St. David's as a space to meet. Once the brochures are available, she would like Vestry members and other parishioners to "take the brochures out into your worlds" and help promote St. David's availability.

Closing- LeRoy closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kieran Cannistra