

St. David's Vestry Minutes

(Minutes taken by Mother Gaelyn Evangreene in Kelley Dinkelmeyer's absence)

December 14, 2020

At St. David's we are called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

- I. Gathering
 - A. Mtr. Gaelyn shared Pastoral Care Updates with the vestry and asked that the vestry join in prayer.
 - B. Devotion--Mtr. Gaelyn read a piece from *Do Nothing to Change Your Life* by Bishop Steven Cottrell about God's love for us.
 - C. Process observer--Jake agreed to keep us on track with time as well.

- II. Approval of November minutes (not available)

- III. Thank yous to those who participated in the stewardship drive
 - A. Sandy and Mtr. Gaelyn will work together to handwrite thank yous to those who pledged.

- IV. Homebase update--Gael
 - A. Gael met with Jim Dean to find out what was needed by the four students staying on campus during the break. The students will have a way to cook, so any groceries are helpful. Steve has set up online contributions and two have been received.

- V. Budget Review--Steve
 - A. The budget submitted by the Finance Committee was reviewed line by line and there was a consensus that the budget be presented as it is to the parish at the Annual Meeting. There was rejoicing that we are in the black with 50% of pledgers maintaining their pledge amount and 50% increasing.
 - B. There was a discussion about the suggestion that we replace our giving to Vecinos with Community Table this year. After some discussion it was decided that we would remain with Vecinos. No one wants to appear to not support Vecinos and removing

our financial contribution felt that it would be making a statement against the organization.

VI. Resumption of Dial Around--Mtr. Gaelyn

- A. Situation: there is an increase in pastoral concerns in the congregation as more families and individuals are impacted with at home isolation, family members sick with Covid-19, deaths in families, and illness. Resuming calls by vestry members and others in the congregation who are able to make calls as soon as possible would help care for all our members.
- B. Steve suggested that rather than switching which members of the congregation are called each week that those who are willing to make calls have a set group they check in with each week. This will help with relationships and will also solve the issue of folks not wanting to receive calls. If the same person is calling each week, they will be able to ascertain whether a call each week is desired. Vestry members are letting Mtr. Gaelyn know if they are able and willing to participate in the calls. Other members of the parish who have expressed an interest are also going to make calls.

VII. Senior Warden update (report submitted and attached [here](#))

- A. Counseling center: Jessica will share the draft contract with Vance for review. Ridgeline will pay \$100 a month for the use of the children's room two days a week.
- B. Vestry elections: [George Rector](#) and Karen Brown have both agreed to stand for vestry. We will also accept nominations from the floor.

VIII. Junior Warden Update (report submitted and attached [here](#))

- A. Doug will begin looking into pressure washing and painting quotes for the gathering place, a need which was discussed in the budget proposal.

IX. Rector Update

A. Housing Allowance Approval

1. WHEREAS The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene is employed as a minister of the Gospel by St. David's Episcopal Church, which does not provide a residence for her; the Vestry of St. David's resolves that of the total compensation of approximately \$48,000 to be paid to The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene during the year 2021, \$24,600 is to be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986. (Sandy moved to accept, Vance seconded the motion. APPROVED)

- B. Vestry Retreat at Lake Logan Thursday January the 28th through the 30th vestry agreed to the dates and Mtr. Gaelyn will confirm with Della at Lake Logan.

- X. Working together
 - A. Devotion and Process Observer/Timekeeper schedule will be sent out for the next couple of months with the minutes.

- XI. What to share in The Coracle, Process Observer reflection, Action Items
 - A. Jessica will share the vestry candidates in the Coracle. Jake shared that we stayed on time, but he did need to help us do so. We are thankful for his work. Mtr. Gaelyn reviewed items for further action from the meeting.

- XII. Closing Prayer Jake suggested that we google “Four directions prayer” from the Lakota Sioux as he found the prayer very meaningful and thought we all would, too. We closed the meeting with the Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm