

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Valori Mulvey Sherer, Interim Rector; Judy Robinson, Senior Warden; Muff Lyons, Junior Warden; Vance Davidson; Sandy Frazier; Gael Graham; Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer; Donna Ross, Clerk

OPENING MEDITATION

The meeting began at 5:30 P.M. Gael Graham gave the opening meditation.

INFORMATION

1. The fire-proof file cabinet purchased by Bill Kirwan and Frank Lockwood has been received. The church is now ready to receive the financial records from Margot Wilcox along with other files that may have been stored at various locations among the congregation.
2. Steve Steinbrueck reported that there will be two sign variations for The Gathering Place. Samples will be sent to the Vestry with a vote taken by e-mail.
3. The next Abraham's Table will be hosted by Cullowhee Baptist Church.
4. St. David's now has an Instagram account, stdavidscullowhee. Anyone posting to the account should be sure to have permission from people who are in the photo. It was also suggested to include information on how to access the St. David's web site in *The Coracle*.
5. The first of two Fruit of the Vine fundraisers will be May 3. Betsy Swift is leading the organization. It was noted the event needs promotion.
6. Martin Darby will facilitate the update of the vestry leadership piece and vestry covenant at no charge but with mileage expense of \$120. **It was moved, and seconded, to reimburse Martin Darby for mileage cost to lead the Vestry stewardship covenant meeting. The motion passed.** When the new covenant is drafted, an article for *The Coracle* should be written to explain who it is for and why the Vestry did it.
7. There will be an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday.
8. The biennial garage sale will be held in August. The exact date is to be determined. George Rector and Joan Byrd will co-chair with Judy Robinson.

DISCUSSION

1. Reports.

Interim Rector Valori Mulvey Sherer e-mailed her report. (on file)

Senior Warden Judy Robinson e-mailed her report. (on file)

Treasurer Steve Steinbrueck reported on the new financials format. His report which was e-mailed is on file. In discussion of the 2019 Budget, it was decided to place on the May agenda a discernment budget item for a Vestry vote. An explanation of how cemetery funds are handled followed. The next item covered was where to allocate payment for the bank stabilization work that Graning did for erosion control. **It was moved, and seconded, to move \$990 from the Capital Expenditure Reserve to the Operating Account (checking). The motion passed.** Each Vestry member was asked to review the mission of the North Carolina Community Foundation and the mission of the Episcopal Church Foundation. The agenda for the May Vestry meeting will include discussion of a recommendation for the transfer of St. David's Endowment.

2. Campus Ministry. **It was moved, and seconded, to call on the Canon to ask her to begin the search for a Western Carolina University campus minister. The motion passed.** Judy Robinson agreed to contact the Canon.

3. Vestry Composition Options. An explanation of options for the Vestry through the transition ensued. The item should be placed on the Vestry meeting agenda no later than August.

4. Two outreach programs will be presented in April and/or May. One will be about Pinnacle Park and the other will be on planned giving and end of life issues. Vance Davidson will make the arrangements.

DECISIONS

1. **It was moved, and seconded, to accept the Minutes from the March 11, 2019 Vestry meeting. The motion passed.**

2. Bylaws Revisions. Vance Davidson reviewed proposed revisions to the bylaws. **It was moved, and seconded, to approved the bylaws as discussed at this meeting, with final draft and second reading at the May Vestry meeting. The motion passed.**

3. Good Friday Collection. **It was moved, and seconded, to send the Good Friday loose plate collection as requested by the Bishop to share offerings through the Episcopal Church to the Church in Jerusalem. The motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05. Jake Jacobson will be the chaplain for the May Vestry meeting.

Our Sr Warden has asked for an online vote. Judy Robinson has made the following statement and motion, seconded by Muff Lyons:

It was suggested by the bank rep at Integra that we move the money from our CD to a money market account where it will earn about twice as much interest. The open period for moving this money will close prior to our next vestry meeting, so we are calling for an online vote.

MOTION: Immediately move the money from our CD at Integra Bank to a money market account as suggested by the bank representative.

The motion was made, and seconded, on April 29, 2019. Following voting by e-mail, the motion passed.