

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting – February 28, 2017

Attendees: Vestry–Colleen Bast, Fred Speyrer, Orlon Daniels, Hal Williams, Jennifer Rust, Patty Conard, Michael Sutton, Julio Alvarez, Lia Bertelson, Lee Hunter, Ama Couch
Not present -Robert Ward,

Non-Vestry –the Rev'd Ken Swanson, Rev'd Michelle Ortiz, Karen Wright, Rachel Berhannan,

Check Ins: Vestry members briefly shared, salient life events.

Opening Prayer: Rev'd Ken Swanson

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the January 24, 2017 Vestry meeting, was made by Colleen Bast seconded by Hal Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Spiritual Meditation: Patty Conard

Rector Update:

- What if: Communication Audit presented by Jennifer Rust.
Communication committee, Michael Sutton, Hal Williams and Jennifer Rust have been looking for gaps in communication within Saint David's and exploring communication tools developed by software organizations across the world. To develop a benchmark for measurement, the committee is entertaining various survey options. The Survey recently completed showed 88.2% of St. David's parish felt well informed by St. David's current communication. However, that survey was completed by a limited subset of the parish. Discussion proceeded on developing a proforma survey that would cover a wider perspective of the parish. When that is completed, St. David's specific communication concerns will be compared to the procedures of 25 churches that will be interviewed by the communication team.
Michael Sutton suggested that we explore the option of swapping services with one or more of the 25 churches we will be interviewing, in lieu of employing a professional consultant to evaluate our communication system.
 - The communication committee will report to the Vestry at the March 28, 2017, meeting with results of the interviews of the 25 church's that have been identified.
 - The communication committee will report to the Vestry at the April 25, 2017, meeting with recommendations for any changes in our current communication system.

- Victoria Jarvis will be having an interview meeting with Bishop Wright in the near future. With Bishop Wrights' approval, Victoria will proceed with her opportunity to be a postulant for ordination as a Deacon. Her training will begin May 2017, and will be a two year program during which time she will be assigned to three other churches that present a different experience from St. David's. St. David's as the sponsoring congregation for Victoria has been asked to have the Vestry present a motion approving Victoria Jarvis's entrance to the process as a Postulant for ordination as a Deacon. Michael Sutton moved Victoria Jarvis be approved by the Vestry, to enter into the postulancy program. Hal Williams seconded the motion. The Vestry approved the motion unanimously. All Vestry members present at the February 28, 2017, meeting signed the motion.
- Parish Schedule -
 - On Sunday, February 26, St. David's welcomed the Hispanic Community to Jeffords Hall for a Town Hall meeting, to address the current climate of uncertainty surrounding the deportation issues. The intention was to include our Hispanic congregation as well as local Hispanic neighbors. Immigration Attorney Michael Urbina spoke to the community regarding their legal rights providing information that helped comfort the fears of the Hispanic community. Ken has also set aside a portion of his discretionary fund to help members of the Hispanic community who may need legal council.
 - Common Purpose, Tuesday March 14, at 6:00 PM. Within the St. David's community there is a group that wants to address the alienation around the current election. They have used the new ministry protocol to determine there is a viable ministry need. A focus of this group, identified, as 'Common Purpose' is to encourage civil discourse. The first meeting of Common Purpose is Tuesday March 14, at 6:00 PM. Rev'd Ken Swanson will be present.
 - Atlanta Baroque Orchestra Concert March 19, 4:00 PM. The Cathedral of St. Philips has begun a new artists-in-residence relationship with the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra. St. David's has hosted the Sunday afternoon concert following the Saturday evening concert at the Cathedral. The next concert will be Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM.
 - Reformation Pilgrimage Sunday, March 19, 2017 - Sunday, April 1, 2017, led by the Rev'd Ken Swanson will visit reformation sites in Germany, France and Switzerland. The Rectors Forum at 10:00 AM has been covering the historical details. The Rectors forum, also may be heard on the churches podcast.
 - Holy Week begins April 9, Palm Sunday
 - April 21 - April 23, 2017 Men's Retreat
 - April 26, 2017 Service of Confirmation, with a potential of 50 confirmands
 - April 30, 2017 Parish Lunch followed by an Organ Recital by Sue Mitchell Wallace

- May, June, July 2017 Rev'd Ken Swanson will be on Sabbatical.
- Stewardship: We still have 50 families that have not pledged for 2017 but did pledge for 2016. Ken will send them an email reminder and perhaps a phone call.
- Diocesan events: Ken has assumed responsibility as the Chair of the Commission on Ministry.
- Ken has begun teaching sections in a class at Candler Seminary, which is required for senior students wishing to be ordained in the Methodist Tradition. In the fall, Ken will begin his own class at Candler Seminary.
- Saturday April 8, 2017, Ken will be the keynote speaker for the Southeastern Regional Conference of the Community of Hope. The conference will take place at St. Aiden's Episcopal Church, Milton GA.
Ken has approached an individual to be the Ministry Lead of the new Calling Ministry program. This individual is discerning leadership of this ministry.

Sr Warden:

- Saturday, Feb 11, 2017, St David's hosted a Diocesan 'Called to Lead' training program. This training session focused on holding onto tradition while letting go of what is not necessary. It reminded everyone that Leaders are called to make decisions on hard issues. The training program also suggested that the Vestry consider it's own purpose statement, separate from that of the church.
- Stewardship: The Diocese of Atlanta has adapted a program from West Texas, which is a year round Stewardship program. We will consider moving to this program at our March 2017 meetings. Our 2017 Vestry Retreat leader, John Lewis was instrumental in developing this stewardship program.
- Resolution regarding Check Signing privileges

Resolution on Check Signing Privileges
at St. David's Church

Resolved: Janet Conrad and Susan Ragsdale have their names removed from check signing privileges at St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell, Georgia; and, Michele Ortiz, Colleen Bast and Orlon Daniels have their names added to check signing privileges at St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell, Georgia.

Resolution presented by Colleen Bast, and seconded by Michael Sutton. Resolution was passed unanimously.

Jr Warden:

- Security lights estimate has been received at \$3700.00

- Renovating of the concrete/brick stairs into Harrison Hall will begin soon
- Air conditioning vents will be replaced in Bethany Room on Thursday

Treasurers Report: Presented by Rachel Berhannan.

Financial information:

- Gary Dunsmore was not present.
Rachael reported that Gary was able to balance the Budget with the current pledge contributions.

Ministry Reports:

- A few ministry reports have been submitted.

Old Business:

- Little Library: Continues in construction. The contractor has replicated the tower on Jeffords Hall to place on the roof of the Little Library.

New Business:

- Michael Sutton has met with Peggy Fallon St. David's Preschool Director on Preschool enrollment. At this time the preschool has an enrollment of 95% of capacity for the 2016-2017 school year. Peggy Fallon will meet with the Vestry in March to provide further information.

Patty Conard moved to adjourn the meeting. Orlon Daniels seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Closing prayer: Reverend Michelle Ortiz

**March Vestry Meeting:
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 6:30 PM**