

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

August 27, 2019

6:30 pm Bethany Room

- Check Ins
- Opening Prayer Rev. Michelle Ortiz
- Acceptance of Minutes Rev. Michelle Ortiz
 - Ken Harris moved, and Lia seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Unanimously approved.
- Meditation Lee Hunter
- Rector Update Rev. Michelle Ortiz
 - Tabling of Sunday Liturgical Changes
 - Changes to the liturgy will be on hold until Father Dean comes on board.
 - A meeting with all stakeholders will be scheduled at the appropriate time.
 - Brook Connor
 - Being recommended for the priesthood.
 - Master's Degree in Divinity
 - Vestry will need to approve the recommendation
 - Preparing to welcome our Interim Rector, The Rev. Dean Taylor
 - Michelle and Ama will work to get Ken's office ready for Rev. Dean.
 - Lee moved and Carol Ann seconded a motion to transfer Father Ken's discretionary funds to Father Dean. Unanimously approved.
 - Other
 - Ron Shaw loves the idea of having the memorial garden named after him.
- Senior Warden Update Ama Couch
 - Staff/Vestry Relations
 - Ama and Marilyn Hendrick met with church staff to gather feedback on the transition and what they think is needed in a new Rector.
 - Vestry thought of what we could do with the staff to welcome Father Dean. Michelle recommended a staff/vestry lunch during Dean's first week. Sept. 4th @ 12:30pm
 - Common Purpose Meeting
 - Ama shared a flyer from the Diocese on the Common Purpose event and encouraged attendance
 - Diocese is sponsoring the event with Common Purpose
- Nominating Committee Update Ben Bailey
 - Survey just shy of 60% participation.
 - Next steps: mtg with Holy Cow to review the results Sept. 22nd in Swanson Hall.
 - Lunch will be provided.
- Year-Round Stewardship Lia Bertelson
 - Anna has done a wonderful job with the planning sheet for September.
 - Ministry Spotlight: Welcome Ministry
 - Parishioners are encouraged to continue to post photos on the database.
- Junior Warden Update Lee Hunter
 - Eagle Scout Projects: Smoker & Sandbox issues discussed

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- Building & Grounds update
 - Planning to reinstate the B&G committee that would advise Vestry on changes to the church grounds.
 - Cross has come down in the memorial garden. Need to decide about replacement.
 - The oak tree at Sinclair House is dead and needs to be removed.
 - Both the nave AC unit and the one for the offices are requiring frequent servicing.
- Treasurer's Report David Kloess
 - David shared the August Treasurer's Report
 - We are still ahead of budget
- Finance Committee Gary Dunsmore
 - Refinance recommendation
 - Gary shared the options for refinancing
 - The recommendation is to accept the Renasant offer because it will allow us to pay off the debt faster due to shorter amortization.
 - Renasant is also our transaction bank and closer (1mile vs. 13miles away)
 - Ken Harris moved, and Leonard Ferrand seconded a motion to allow Ama and David to pursue the 7 yr option. Unanimously approved.
 - Diocesan commitment
 - We have to pay our commitment to the Diocese (\$227,779.00). 8% increase from last year based on increase in total operating revenue. Leonard Ferrand moved, and Ken Harris seconded a motion to pay our commitment. Unanimously approved.
 - Budget reviews w/ ministry heads by 10/21
 - In Dropbox – Budget calendar
 - Please submit ministry budgets by Oct. 21st in Dropbox. Vestry members are asked to review the budgets prior to the finance committee looking at the budget. Asking budget to remain flat from last year.
 - Leonard requested that it be noted on the ministry liaison spreadsheet which ministries have budgets
- Ministry Communications All
 - Lee's Health & Wellness ministry is looking for volunteers and leadership
- Old Business
 - n/a
- New Business
 - Parishioner asked to create a directory of businesses (somewhat like Nextdoor site)
- Closing Prayer Rev. Michelle Ortiz
- Ama made a motion to end the meeting and Nell Fernandez seconded. Unanimously approved.