

Saint David of Wales
Minutes of Vestry Meeting
April 21, 2024

Vestry members present:

Rev. Dennis j Parker, Priest-in-Charge; Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden; Ned Hayes, Junior Warden; Jim McConnell, Treasurer; Wendy Beth Oliver, Clerk; Cass Cole; Brian Felder; Mary Hultquist; and Cheaquetta Johnson.

Not present:

Steve Bullock-Denniston and Emily Maass

Also present:

Mark Turner, Chair, Finance Team

Rev. Dennis opened the meeting in prayer at 11:42am and the meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda (Minutes of the March 17, 2024 meeting and the April officer reports) was approved by unanimous vote after Mary moved to approve and Ned seconded the motion.

We wrote thank you notes to Crystal Maass and Preston Abbott.

Rector's Report

Rev. Dennis discussed the draft of the behavioral covenant provided in the Vestry packet, which should apply to all folks in leadership at Saint David's, delegates to the Diocese convention, and staff. It was approved by general consensus.

Rev. Dennis provided an update on the choir and music director. He has assured the choir that the new music director will have time for the choir and is in discussions with Josh Hegg, who has committed to substitute for a Lutheran church in Vancouver during the summer. The curator job is open and the job description has been revised. It will be 15 hours/week, with paid sick leave and vacation but it does not include health insurance. The search for these positions is being spearheaded through the Personnel Committee.

Deacon Tracy is taking a sabbatical during the months of June, July, and August and Rev. Dennis is asking the Diocese if there is a deacon who can provide assistance.

Following Finn Coll Buckley's resignation as accompanist to the Taizé service, Michael Sagun (Rev. Dennis' husband), has agreed to accompany the service through the end of the year. We do not currently have funding for the service.

The Wednesday night events will be the potluck only during the summer. Choir practice is now on Thursday evenings and Rachel is unavailable for the summer months for spiritual reflection. Kieran will do a poll about Wednesday nights.

Financial Report

Jim advised that the format of the Budget v Actual statement has been revised and that the financial statements now include a statement of financial position.

Senior Warden Report

We will be moving the May Vestry meeting from the 19th to 26th because of the number of events on the 19th.

Kieran would like to send out an email with a link for fundraising as the “non-event fundraiser.”

She has asked Crystal Maass to work on policies and procedures for how we create building user agreements. The Finance Committee will develop metrics for what agreements should be brought to the Vestry.

Kieran is looking at the first Sunday in June as our first information quarterly meeting. She has asked Cindy and Karen to give an abbreviated presentation of the Task Force findings at that meeting.

Chequetta mentioned that she is working on this year’s Juneteenth event.

Profile and Search Committees

Rev. Dennis and Kieran have been discussing the committees. They may not be staffed by the Vestry. The Profile Committee will look at recommendations of the Task Force and begin to seek input from the parish regarding what we are looking for in the new rector. Rev. Dennis advised us that Chris Craun has cautioned us that there is a shortage of clergy and we should be prepared to make an offer quickly when we make a decision. He hopes that we can have someone in the role in early 2025.

Junior Warden Report

Ned provided an update on the building, including that the Kitchen Library has been asked to move out this summer when their contract expires. The Forest School will be needing less space and the Drama Club will be taking up more space. The Forest School have not officially renewed.

Family Promise

Cass reported that Crystal and Preston are working hard to get the bathrooms ready to permit us to host Family Promise at St. David’s. May 19-26. She is looking for another support parish. Our previous partners have not been volunteering for the shifts.

We closed in prayer at 12:49pm.