

St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
November 20, 2019

Present: Mary-Esther Arther, Mary Harbinsky, Pat Hodde, Bonnie Hook, Kathy Kent, Nancy Moody, Jon Richardson, Mike Roehrer, John Simonelli, Marty Stanton

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Rev. Richardson.

Mrs. Arthur opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Simonelli shared a reflection by Elizabeth Kaeton on a Radical Orthodox Rabbi she had met during a hospice visit. He was welcoming in the name of a most abundant God. Here was an example of radical hospitality.

Mrs. Moody moved to approve the agenda as presented, Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes of the October 16th meeting were corrected to reflect Canon Clark's actual spelling of her name. Mr. Simonelli moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mrs. Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Listening from the Congregation

- Several members mentioned the intense color of the chapel.
- A concern was expressed about when members of the congregation are absent for several weeks. How do we respect privacy issues while establishing if anyone knows what the reasons are. The vestry was reminded to use their calling lists as one means of follow up.

Stewardship

Mr. Simonelli reported:

- The Beefsteak and Silent Auction netted \$5,148.04.
- \$320 was made from the garage sale.
- The Thrill of the Grill will be the last Saturday in August, August 28.
- A Wine and Cheese Pairing will be scheduled during the summer.

Outreach

There was no Outreach Committee meeting in November. The ingathering boxes have been put in the narthex. The Christmas Outreach letter is the same as last year.

Thanksgivings

- Mary Harbinsky and her team were thanked for their work on the Silent Auction baskets.
- Marty Stanton was thanked for being the MC for the event.
- Roy Davidson was thanked for joining the choir.
- Michael Kidney was thanked for becoming a chalice bearer.
- Mike Roehrer and the fall clean-up crew were thanked for their hard work.
- Gill Otto was thanked for her consistent proficiency in the office.
- Jane Jubilee was thanked for orchestrating the Breakfast with the Bishop.

Mutual Ministry Review

The mutual Ministry Review will be Nov. 23rd from 12-4. Mrs. Harbinsky will bring soup. Mrs. Kent will bring salad. Mrs. Moody will provide bread and crackers. Mr. Roehrer will furnish beverages. Mrs. Hook will bring cookies.

QuickBooks

Mrs. Hook answered questions.

- It is unclear if the investment statements are still coming monthly or have reverted back to quarterly. Mr. Simonelli is following up with the Dioceses.
- The statement for the square came through indicating a 5% tax. The 5% was for using a credit card. It was suggested to designate this as a fee not a tax.
- Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Arthur will meet with PNC Bank to explore options available to our account. Mrs. Moody moved to authorize Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Arthur to act on our behalf to find a less expensive option for our account. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mrs. Harbinsky moved to accept the QuickBooks report. Mr. Roehrer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Remarks

Mrs. Arthur reported:

- Item 5 should be paid from the Rector's business expenses.
- Item 8 was for paint and picture frames for the chapel.

2020 Budget

- There are 7 new pledging units for an increase from 34 to 41 units.
- A letter of agreement is in place with Integrity Fencing.
- Mrs. Harbinsky moved to adopt the budget as presented by the Budget and Finance Committee. Mrs. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Property

Mr. Roehrer reported:

- Fall cleanup day completed the cleanout of the storage room, the memorial garden was cleaned and two ornamental birds were installed, the grounds were cleaned and pine needles and leaves removed.
- There will be a change in the collection of recyclables.
The borough will change from a single stream collection to a dual stream collection on January 2, 2020.

Calendar

Additions and corrections:

- Dec. 10 at 10:30 Outreach.
- Dec. 12 Healing prayer service
- Dec. 22 the greening of the church
- Dec. 22 the Rector's open house from 4-8 p.m.
- Dec. 25. Church office closed.
- Dec. 26 through Jan. 2 the Rector is away.
- Mrs. Harbinsky moved to approve the calendar as corrected. Mr. Simonelli seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Moody moved to end the meeting. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Harbinsky

Clerk