

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the St. David s Vestry
October 30, 2023

Members present: Senior Warden Ann Jinkins, Junior Warden Jennifer Scariano, Clerk Jim Norman, Sandi Boone, Bess Carsner, Gay Gillen, Rick Patrick, Joe Sanchez, and George Zwicker.

Participating via Zoom teleconference: Pastor Angela Cortiñas, Treasurer Merrell Anne Shearer, Allison Marshall.

Clergy and staff present: Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell (Rector), Rev. Kristin Braun, and Jim Lamm.

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Fr. Chuck led the group in the first half of Compline.

Review of Minutes from Last Vestry Meeting

No one had any comments for the minutes of the September 26 meeting of the Vestry. The minutes were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report – presented by Merrell Anne

- As of 9/30/2023, the main checking account has a balance of \$316,522.02.
- The current construction loan has a balance of \$1,444,680.75 as of 9/30/2023. Once all the final punch list items have been completed in the historic church, the final bill will be paid to SpawGlass. The retainage amount is \$793,634.19. The final total of the construction loan will be approximately \$2.1 million.
- Pledges for September 2023 were below September 2022 by \$18,573.20. We are behind expected pledge income for this point in the 2023 budget by 15%.
- Hospitality income continues to surpass the budgeted amount; year to date income is \$196,185.77.
- Overall, total income as of 9/30/2023 is 5% behind budget.
- Hospitality expenses continue to be higher due to increased activity. Most other departmental expenses are approximately 4% below budget. The financial reports continue to reflect high electricity expenses due to the EV chargers for the Cruise cars and the delay in reimbursement.

- The total deficit as of 9/30/2023 is \$413,068.71. Our overall deficit by year-end will be \$300,000. We are hopeful that, as we enter the final quarter of the year, we will make up the deficit in scheduled pledge income. There are plans to communicate the deficit to parishioners in order to encourage pledge fulfillment.
- On a positive note, the garage income looks strong with contract parking and transient (non-contract) parking income exceeding budget.
- Update to Audit Report: A spreadsheet has been sent to Joe Jacks (accountant) tying the city, county, state, and federal Covid mandates to our Employee Retention Tax Credit application by line item. The accountant is reviewing this information, and we hope that it will allow us to clear the audit. Jim Lamm has spoken with the church's chancellor, who knows a tax attorney in case further steps are required.
- The budget process is underway. Department heads are working on worksheets for requests for next year and will submit those to Jim Lamm. The Finance Committee will work on the budget at the November and December meetings. All vestry members are invited to attend the meetings.

The Junior Warden's Report – presented by Jennifer Scariano

Historic Renovations Update:

- The tile mosaic discovered at the south steps during renovation has been installed between the south stairs and large south doors (see picture #1).
- All the carpet on the Grace Chapel level has been installed. Temporary carpet was installed in the west vestibule and ramp from the main lobby until more could be sent (there are supply issues).
- The baptismal font has been returned to its pre-renovation location. Jim Lamm will see if the person who repaired the Credence Table could come and clean/repair the font as well. (Picture #2.)

Pic #1:



Pic #2:



- Cameras and Fencing at Playground – in coordination with the Day School, Dyezz is installing two additional Rhombus cameras in the playground area next week. One will show the 7th street side of playground, the other will show the toddler playground. We had an issue a few weeks ago when a neighbor jumped the wrought iron fence along 7th

street, by the wooden pergola, while there were children in the toddler playground area by the large glass doors opposite the bathrooms. Besides the cameras, Northwest Iron has installed “extensions” to raise the iron fence across the area along 7th Street as well as the fence between the loading dock and the labyrinth (a person jumped that fence also).

Landscape Committee report – Allison Marshall reported.

- Allison and others surveyed the vegetation around the perimeter of the block. Many plants have survived well. Weeding and laying down gravel and mulch would greatly help the appearance. We should not plant trees next to the foundation to the historic sanctuary. There was further discussion of landscaping.

Rector s Report – presented by Fr Chuck.

- The 175th Anniversary Celebration went very well. Fr. Chuck was very pleased with it, and Bishop Doyle thought the service couldn’t have gone better. The event at Tarry House on Monday, October 13, was really enjoyed by everyone; Mayor Kirk Watson attended and spoke briefly.
- Bishop Doyle will join the Vestry at the November meeting; we will discuss future plans.
- The 2024 “Year of Discernment” – Fr. Chuck plans for next year to be a year of discernment among the parish: “what is the Spirit calling us to do” now that the building renovation is complete and other inflection points are being reached?
- Next to New update – Ulrike was not able to return to her work at Next to New. The Next to New board agreed to hire Robert Reed permanently.
 - The church will be reimbursed for the loan for air conditioning work.
- Good Shepherd rector search – the rector of Good Shepherd parish has taken a position in California, so that parish is starting a rector search.
- World music concerts continue in the historic sanctuary.
- Clergy conference – Fr. Chuck and Pastor Angela attended the conference in Camp Allen and greatly enjoyed it.

Old/New Business

- Vestry 2024 – we need to start looking for five parishioners to nominate for next year’s slate for the annual meeting. The outgoing vestry members are asked to lead this effort. We should especially think prayerfully of candidates who have skills relevant to the 2024 “Year of Discernment,” such as long-term planning.

- Organ Committee update – Jim updated the group on the work done so far by the Organ Committee. The group has hired an “organ consultant”—John Bishop—who will visit on the weekend of November 12 to help the committee start the process of evaluating our needs.
- History panels – Sandi pointed out that the history panels made by the 175th Anniversary Committee are complete. They look fantastic and will continue to be on display at the church.
- 175th Anniversary Celebration – Sandi reported on this earlier in the meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- Next Finance Committee: November 15, 2023, 6 pm
- Next Exec Committee: November 15, 2023, 7 pm
- Next Vestry Meeting: November 28, 2023, 6:30 pm
- Vestry Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange, Saturday, December 16, 2023, 6:00–9:00 pm

Fr Chuck led the group in Compline s closing prayers, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Norman
Clerk