

## **St. David's Episcopal Church**

September 15, 2025

Vestry Meeting

The September Vestry meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM and was presided over by Sr. Warden David Niles. The meeting was held during the Vestry Retreat. In attendance were Jr. Warden Cathy Schwichtenberg, Rev. Katherine Lewis, Nan Drake, Ann Robinson, Andy Harvala, Bonnie Boyd, Mike Sandsmark, and Julia Handley.

Absent: Rita Hayek, Clerk, and Stephen Ferro, Treasurer

Dwelling in the Word was led by Katherine.

### **Vestry Visitor - No scheduled visitor**

### **Review and Approve**

- August Vestry minutes were approved.
- August Financials were approved.

### **Merger of St. George's Parish Approved**

- On Sunday, September 14, 2025 Sixty members of St. George's Parish voted to merge with St. David's. It is possible that around 40 parishioners may be joining our community. Katherine clarified that the term merger, in the Episcopal context, differs from its typical business usage.
- Following the discussion, we held a vote on accepting St. George's merger. It was approved.
- Andy suggested forming a team to attend a service at St. George's, assist with the transition, and warmly welcome their parishioners to St. David's.
- The St George's Priest is retiring at the end of December (2025). It was suggested that we officially welcome St. George's members during Epiphany.

### **Warden's Conversation**

Addressed the safety plan meeting that followed the shooting at Annunciation, and the press release about Mr. Ivers.

Wardens and Rector not aware of the current issues with Mr. Ivers until the press release.

A Vestry member suggested revisiting the responsibilities of the Vestry host once the service begins. They proposed being more involved in greeting members at the door, rather than serving as the videographer. Further discussion will take place at a later time.

There was a conversation about the congregational forum planned for this weekend, which will focus on transparency, safety, and include a Q&A session. Will communicate about the door locking policy that was written in the safety plan.

### **Pledge Campaign October Fifth kick-off.**

- Monday, September 15 (today) the pledge letters are being sent out..
- Vestry members, please return pledges before October 1.

### **Reminder from Aug. Meeting**

- Put the mission statement on the TV monitor in the narthex. This may encourage others to reflect on the mission statement.

### **Gratitude and Recognitions**

- A big thank you to Mike, Cathy, and Ann for their work on Kick-Off Sunday, as well as to the Baptism team, whom Katherine publicly thanked on Sunday. Ann will follow up with Diane Curley to get the names of the art group that worked on the undercroft, as we would like to acknowledge and thank them. David asked Ann to share the names so that we can divide up the thank-you notes.

### **Updates/New Business**

- The carpet mold issue has been resolved by The Building and Grounds Committee. David Pearson and Randy.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting. Julia will provide dinner. Thank you to Cathy for providing dinner for the Vestry Retreat and meeting.

Closing prayer / Noon Prayer was led by Katherine.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Boyd - for Rita Hayek, Clerk