

Annual Meeting January 31, 2016 St. David's Undercroft

Father Robin Dodge called the meeting to order at 11:15am and declared that a quorum was present. After the opening prayer, Father Robin appointed the Secretary and Tellers.

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were approved as written.

Elections

Father Dodge thanked Stephen Sears, Nominating Committee Chairman, and identified and thanked the outgoing Vestry Members for their service. Robin read the slate of new candidates for Vestry positions. There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by acclamation.

Pastoral Address

Robin told us that this is the eleventh year he has been at St. David's! He thanked the Parish for being such a great place and all the parishioners for allowing him to be part of our lives and our journey!

Robin recognized parishioners and how long they have been Members of St. David's. We have several who have attended St. David's services for 50 years! Robin detailed the history of St. David's and the neighborhood. He relayed that this year is the 75th anniversary of the laying of St. David's cornerstone. To mark this anniversary, the Vestry has decided to move forward with the Cornerstone Capital Campaign. It is a very exciting time where we can ensure that St. David's is around and going strong for another 75 years and beyond!

Another initiative that St. David's has under discussion is the new 10am combined service concept. The Vestry has been speaking with parishioners and there is a concern that our congregation is shrinking. The 11:15am service has seen the largest decline in attendance. As a result, many parishioners and Vestry Members have overwhelmingly voiced support for merging the 9:30am and 11:15am services to a single 10am service. There is precedent in St. David's history for this. Robin opened the floor for comments. Comments were very supportive of this suggestion and said that it would give vibrancy and life to the services. Also, it will give a better sense of community and will help with Alter Guild logistics. Suggestion for a banner outside the church announcing the 10am service was made; Also we need to change the website to reflect the change so people are not caught out unaware.

A motion was made to make the time change; it was seconded and approved.

Report of the Senior Warden

Senior Warden Stephen Sears spoke about our Vestry members, outgoing and incoming and thanked all of them for their service.

Stephen ceded the floor to Richard Southby who made an announcement that the President of George Washington University Steve Knapp has written a book, A Predicament of Belief, and will present the book for us on Thursday, February 25 at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP to the church office.

Other Reports

The Rector called for any Reports and, there being none, referred to the Reports already included in the Annual Meeting handout.

Other Business

Father Robin invited questions or comments and reminded everyone about the upcoming events at St. David's.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved. Robin gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Alex Shockey, Secretary, Annual Meeting