

Vestry 101

According to canon law, the Vestry is the lay body that has responsibility for the property and finances of a church, while the Rector has responsibility for all spiritual matters.

General info. about the St. David's Vestry (for specifics, see the bylaws, which can be found on the website and in the Church office):

- There are 15 members plus 2 or 3 non-voting youth reps.
- Each member is also a member of one or two Commissions and acts as liaison between the Commission/s and the Vestry.
- Four Wardens act as an executive committee, advising the Rector and setting the agenda for Vestry meetings. The Rector's Warden is appointed by the Rector; and the Junior Warden, Accounting Warden, and Secretary are nominated by the Rector's Warden and elected by the Vestry.
- Each member serves a 4-year term. Elections are held at the Annual Meeting.
- The Rector's Warden usually chairs each meeting, and voting on Vestry business is carried out according to Robert's Rules of Order
- Time Commitment:
 1. attend monthly Vestry meetings
 2. attend regular Commission meetings
 3. attend one or two Newcomers Dinners a year
 4. attend the Annual Meeting
 5. attend two Vestry retreats (one overnight in January, one half-day after the Annual Meeting)
 6. participate in Church activities (ie. Adult Ed, Stewardship, the Fair, Outreach, WoRM, etc.)
 7. serve on occasional short-term task forces or committees (either at the request of the Rector or voluntarily)