

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

In Attendance: Maggie Buonarosa, Pam Clark, Larry Fees, Clo Improta, Sally Mock, Marcel Tabor, Barbara Vaughn, Fr. Gary Wilde.

Absent: Diana Hillock, Rusty Shelley, Carol Wilde

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Fr. Gary led the group through “In the Early Evening” Daily Devotion from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

Formation

- We had an informal and spirited discussion related to our reading assignment for this month from the book, *Sticky Teams: Keeping Your Leadership Team and Staff on the Same Page* by Larry Osborne (Chapter 2: “Why Boards Go Bad” and Chapter 3: “Guarding the Gate”). Fr. Gary reminded us that some of the things we are reading and learning about may not be used now but may be of use to us in the future. Plus it is important to be aware the Lord does lead us so we need to keep this in mind as we read, learn more and make decisions. We also discussed the merits of doing additional fellowship as a Vestry group. There was consensus among the group that Carol & Fr. Gary would plan a get-together at the rectory to occur before the Season begins (possibly Oct), and Pam would again host one at Christmas time.
- For the June meeting, the Vestry will be asked to read Chapter 4: “What Game Are We Playing?” (pgs.61-72) and Chapter 5: “Six Things Every Leadership Team Needs to Know” (pgs. 73-86) from the book, *Sticky Teams*.

Treasurer’s Report

- In Rusty’s absence, Fr. Gary gave a summary of the Treasurer’s Report highlighting several positive items. We are ahead of budget projections by \$26,683 with pledges being ahead of projected amounts. And revenues exceeded expenses by \$40,451. We are going into the summer months in good shape.
- Barbara Vaughn asked what our status was on receiving the second apportionment rebate from the Diocese. No information at this time.
- Marcel Tabor moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Rusty Shelley and summarized by Fr. Gary. Seconded by Larry Fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Information

Informational items were reviewed, discussed, and duly noted. After the June meeting, a summary of Vestry vacation plans will be given out to all Vestry members.

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Vestry meeting. Seconded by Maggie Buonarosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- Larry Fees updated the Vestry on the status of having a Saturday service during the summer. It is still in the planning stages but would be a less formal service with praise worship music. Fr. Gary, Fr. Cal and possibly Fr. Bob would be asked to officiate. The time to hold the service is still undetermined. As of now, it will be tried for the month of July to see how it is received before adding the service for the months of August and September.
- Burning of the Mortgage was the next topic of discussion. It was thought the best time to do this would be on the Sunday of the Annual Meeting, January 28, 2018. Fr. Gary will explore the liturgical possibility of a special service for this type of event. The Vestry was asked to continue to brainstorm ideas and share them with Barbara Vaughn. Barbara feels it as a good opportunity to communicate to the larger Venice community so she plans to have a write-up and picture in the local newspaper.

Time of Prayer

Fr. Gary led the Vestry in prayer for the needs and concerns of the Vestry as well as the Good Shepherd parish.

Review of Commission Reports

- Communication: Barbara Vaughn informed us that Nancy Fees had resigned as Newsletter Editor. It was decided that an expression of thanks by the Vestry on behalf of the congregation be given to Nancy during the Announcement time at the 10 am service on Sunday, May 14. Barbara will take care of getting the card and flowers. In the future, we are going to try the dissemination of information to the congregation through email blasts sent out mid-week to remind parishioners of upcoming events.
- Christian Formation: Clo Improta added there had been 6 Fellowship Flocks up and running this past season involving 54 people with very favorable results. He asked the Vestry members to “talk it up” to others to recruit more hosts and to get more parishioners to take part.
- Jr. Warden/Property: It was good news to learn it cost much less to replace the fire hydrant than originally expected. Clo also mentioned the importance of taking care in regards to having inspections done on a regular basis since being remiss can affect insurance rates and may create issues with the health department. Appreciation was also expressed for the help John Buntel and Jim Dellecker have been giving the Jr. Warden during her recent illness. The Vestry was asked to thank them personally the next time we see them.
- All other reports were accepted as submitted.

Decisions

Larry Fees explained the action by the Finance Committee to create account 3308-010, "Sanctuary, Liturgy, Vestments" and fund it with \$3,196.01 from account 3307-010, and to change account 3307-010 name to "Receptions-Memorials". Larry Fees moved to accept the Finance Committee's action. Seconded by Barbara Vaughn. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Fr. Gary gave a closing prayer and led the Vestry in reciting the Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Mock, Clerk of the Vestry