

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

In Attendance: Maggie Buonarosa, Pam Clark, Larry Fees, Diana Hillock, Sally Mock, Rusty Shelley, Marcel Tabor, Barbara Vaughn, Fr. Gary Wilde.

Absent: Clo Improra

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Fr. Gary led the group through the reading of “The General Thanksgiving” from the Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two in the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

Treasurer’s Report

Rusty Shelley gave the Vestry a thorough overview of the proposed budget for 2018.

The following are some of the highpoints of her presentation:

- We have lower revenue than last year and expenses are higher than last year.
- The Finance Committee realized they had a shortfall of \$19,000 at the start of budget consideration.
- In 2017, we had 170 pledges totaling \$241,000; \$27,000 in pledges was not fulfilled.
- In 2018, we have 98 pledges so far totaling \$247,000.
- In the past year we have lost 14 members and gained 15 members.
- Historically, we have collected an average of \$15,000 in money not pledged through the pledge process.
- In 2017, the Finance Committee had a budget of \$281,020 to work with. In 2018, after many difficult decisions, the Finance committee agreed upon increasing the 2018 Budget by approximately \$9,000 (which was not supported by the actual pledges received). This proposed revenue consisted of a combination of pledges, plate and fund raisers. Now the Committee had \$290,000 to work with when forming the budget. Yet there was still a shortfall of \$8,000 in the projected expense needs. So the Finance Committee went line-by-line and made cuts.
- The biggest cuts came in the area of Commissions with \$3,440 being removed from various Commissions. The \$700 funding for ALPHA (which was cancelled inn 2017) and the \$1,500 funding for Vacation Bible School were eliminated. Although a detailed explanation was given of how the VBS Ministry could seek alternative sources for funding.
- Vestry expenses were reduced by \$500. Advertising was reduced by \$1,000. Expenses for Fr. Gary’s sabbatical were reduced by \$700 for the Saturday night services which had already been cancelled.
- It was clarified that any 2017 monetary surpluses could be earmarked for use in Capital Replacement and Repair areas in future years but it could not be used for a budgetary shortfall for the 2018 budget year.
- After some discussion over the elimination of salary increases for staff, it was decided that \$2,600 + FICA (the amount requested by Fr. Gary) should be put back into the staff salaries line so approximately \$2,900 will be reinstated in the budget.
- It was moved by Barbara Vaughn to accept the proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Larry Fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Information

- Commission Reports for the month of January did not need to be submitted. Instead, Vestry members were reminded to submit their annual reports for the January 28th Annual Meeting to Lynn by the end of the day Monday, January 15th for inclusion in the Annual Report Booklet.
- Larry Fees announced the Saturday services would no longer be held. Consideration may be given to starting them up again during the summer months.
- It was the consensus of the Vestry to have the burning of the mortgage on Sunday, February 25, 2018 when the Bishop visits Good Shepherd.
- Other informational items on the agenda were reviewed and duly noted.

Update on Vestry Nominations

The following people have agreed to run for the 4 open positions on the Vestry: Cindy Esselburn, Diana Hillock, Tom Roohr and Bob Sawyer. They are in the process of submitting resumes for publication in the bulletin on Sunday, January 21, 2018 as well as posted in a future E-Blast.

Approval of Minutes

Larry Fees moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Vestry meeting. Seconded by Diana Hillock. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Commission Reports

No additions to Commission Reports. All reports were accepted as submitted.

With no further business, Fr. Gary chose for the closing prayer verses 24-25 from The Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Mock, Clerk of the Vestry