

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Immediately Following the
28th Annual Parish Meeting of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
January 28, 2018**

In Attendance: Maggie Buonarosa, Pam Clark, Cindy Esselburn, Larry Fees, Diana Hillock, Sally Mock, Tom Roohr, Bob Sawyer, Marcel Tabor, Barbara Vaughn, Fr. Gary Wilde

Absent: none

The meeting began at 12:15 pm. Fr. Gary welcomed the newly elected Vestry members (Cindy Esselburn, Diana Hillock, Tom Roohr and Bob Sawyer) as well as the returning Vestry members. He read from the section of the *Book of Common Prayer* titled "Prayers for the Church" on page 816. Fr. Gary then announced his appointment of Larry Fees as Senior Warden. Larry agreed to serve on the Vestry in this capacity for the coming year.

There were several positions that needed to be elected by the Vestry:

1. Pam Clark made a motion to elect Diana Hillock to serve as Junior Warden. Seconded by Barbara Vaughn. Motion passed.
2. Larry Fees made a motion to elect Sally Mock as Clerk of the Vestry. Seconded by Tom Roohr. Motion passed.
3. It was announced that Rusty Shelley would continue as Treasurer.

Fr. Gary handed out information on the Vestry Retreat which will begin at Good Shepherd at 12 noon on Friday, February 16th with Stations of the Cross followed by a soup lunch. The actual Vestry meeting will begin around 1:30 pm until approximately 4 pm when the Vestry will drive to DaySpring in Ellenton for the rest of Friday night and all of Saturday, February 17th, returning home about 5 pm.

Fr. Gary handed out 3 books that each Vestry member needs to use throughout the year. In preparation for the Vestry Retreat, reading assignments are as follows:

1. "*Beyond Business As Usual*" (blue book): pages 1-53; 69-72
2. "*What Every Pastor Should Know*" (red book): one chapter of their own choosing that is related to a commission area of personal interest. Vestry members should be prepared to give a 2-3 minute summary of the key concept, whether you agree or disagree and why, what struck them as important and how it might be applied at Good Shepherd.
3. "*Vestry Handbook*": no assignment at this time.

Fr. Gary then passed out slips of paper where Vestry members were to indicate their preference/interest in specific Commissions: 1-I would love to chair this Commission, 2-I would be OK with chairing this Commission, 3-Hmmmmmm...not so much). Commission chairs will be finalized at the Retreat.

Maggie Buonarosa did mention that she has three activities that she takes care of under the Mission/Outreach Commission that she is willing to continue doing when the new Commission Chair is assigned.

The following dates were set:

1. Vestry Commissioning will take place on Sunday, February 18th at the 10 am service.
2. Monthly Vestry meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. However, this year the first official Vestry meeting will be Friday, February 16, 2017 as part of the Retreat.
3. The Wardens' meeting will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

4. Finance and Executive meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 3pm and 4pm respectively. The next date for these meetings will be Tuesday, February 6, 2018.
5. Vestry members are asked to schedule a monthly meeting with the Rector to discuss their commission.

There was a brief discussion on Fr. Gary's Sabbatical. It was cleared by the Bishop to begin on April 2, 2018 with Fr. Gary's return to be on Sunday, July 29, 2018. The presentation Larry gave at the Annual meeting clarified the Sabbatical process for the congregation and the Vestry.

Before adjournment, there was time given for a few announcements. Barbara Vaughn announced 2 upcoming events: 1) Feb 18-Warrior Rock Concert a benefit for local veterans' organizations (Barbara will be on the program), 2) Bible Reading Marathon that will begin the Tuesday evening after Easter and continue until early afternoon on Friday April 6th. There was also mention made by the group of the upcoming movie "*Paul, the Apostle of Christ*" which should be in theaters at the end of March.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer led by Diana Hillock.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Mock, Clerk of the Vestry