

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

In Attendance

Vestry: David Beall, Maggie Buonarosa, Pam Clark, Cindy Esselburn, Larry Fees, Tom Roohr, Bob Sawyer, Marcel Tabor, Barbara Vaughn

Visiting Parishioners: EK Beall, Lynn Brown, Dottie Eastman, Nancy Fees, BetteAnn Janes, Barbara Johnson, Janet Lawlor, Cliff & Judy Stroncer.

Absent: Diana Hillock

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening Devotions

Senior Warden Larry Fees led the group through “In the Early Evening” Daily Devotion from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

Treasurer’s Report

David Beall commented on several key parts of the Treasurer’s Report:

- Generally we are where we expect to be at this time of year. We like to be \$15,000 ahead as we go into the summer but that will not be the case this year. Maintenance and repairs are over budget mainly due to repairing the lighting. The cost of copying in the office is \$735 over budget so we need to keep an eye on this as we move forward. Hospitality is also over budget due to the amount of money spent on the Bishop’s Reception (that he was unable to attend) and then the extra reception (when he was finally able to visit).
- Restricted Fund: This is in good shape.
- Operating Fund-Pledges: David has gone through all pledges and what has been given year-to-date and we are doing well. Some parishioners have already paid their pledge in full, some pay monthly and others will not be paying until the end of the year.
- Operating Fund-Non Pledges: Historically we take in a total of about \$15,000 from those who give money on a regular basis but do not wish to pledge. That is also the amount that is budgeted. Already this year we have taken in \$7,500.
- Capital Fund: We had a balance of \$14,442 at the beginning of 2018. Only 2 accounts are outstanding with others paying on a regular basis. One account is in a trust so it may not pay this year.
- Endowment Fund: We are up-to-date through April with a total amount of \$57,000. The goal was to make it over the \$50,000 mark.

The Vestry unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Decisions

Larry Fees moved to have David Beall promoted from Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer effective May 1, 2018. Seconded by Barbara Vaughn. Motion passed unanimously. David announced that Rusty Shelley has agreed to help him with financial information as Assistant Treasurer without portfolio because there are also certain things that need to be done at the bank that only Rusty and Larry can do right now.

Information

- All information items were reviewed.
- For insurance purposes, we have been advised to have all Vestry members submit to a background check. The National Church carries our insurance policy.
- Larry Fees and Tom Roohr attended the Diocesan Vestry Retreat at DaySpring on May 5, 2018. Bishop Smith spoke on the subject of evangelism the Anglican way. Canon During spoke about adaptable leadership. The Vestry was given a written summary of the main ideas presented which can be found in the Vestry notebook in the Parish Office.
- A Memorial Service for Skip Smith, one of the founding members of Good Shepherd, will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 12 noon.

Approval of Minutes

Marcel Tabor made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Vestry meeting. Seconded by Tom Roohr. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Formation & Discussion-Larry Fees

After seeing the movie, "Paul, Apostle of Christ", there were several things that caught Larry's attention that he wanted to share with the rest of the Vestry:

- Paul had amazing love and he preached love even when faced with adversity.
- Paul's wonderful teaching ability comes through in all of his writings in the Bible. Paul lived what he taught. He truly lived "to know God and make him known".

Love is very important to any mission and Larry would like to see this woven into our mission statement here at Good Shepherd. He then handed out 2 articles for the Vestry to read on their own: "*How to Treat One Another*" from Christian Bible Studies and "*Agreeing to Disagree without Disunity*" from Practical Leadership.

A 10 Minute Break Was Taken

Formation & Discussion-continued

Larry continued his presentation on the idea of love by having the Vestry write out the words from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. The Vestry was then asked to read the passage again but this time replacing the word love with their own name. It was concluded that by keeping these thoughts in our lives we can better act as evangelists, calling people to Christ and being sure love is put into all situations. The result could quite possibly be church growth.

Time Given for our Visitors to Address the Vestry

The Vestry was presented with a letter from "Concerned Parishioners of Good Shepherd" expressing how they presently feel about why some people have left Good Shepherd and why some have come back in Fr. Gary's absence. A few facts stated in their letter were disputed by some Vestry members and other visitors. Speaking for the Vestry, Larry expressed appreciation for their input and stated their concerns would be a part of the meeting's records and their letter would accompany the minutes. Through prayer and with God's help and trust in one another, we will get through this.

Review of Commission Reports

- Bob Sawyer (Visitor Care) had a successful meeting on May 3rd. Those who attended discussed the possible need for 2 commissions. One to focus on Visitor Care and another to deal with Church Growth.
- Maggie Buonarosa (Hospitality) is still looking for someone who will be willing to be in charge of receptions.

- Cindy Esselburn (Jr. Warden) acknowledged the Ushers & Greeters need to be trained in CPR and in the use of the AED (automated external defibrillator). She hopes to have a training class in November when a few more parishioners have returned from being north. She also mentioned the dumpster is being used by people other than Good Shepherd so be alert to any such activity.
- Tom Roohr is looking forward to getting started with his Christian Formation Commission come the fall.

The meeting was concluded with the reading of “At the Close of Day” Daily Devotion from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Mock, Clerk of the Vestry