

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

In Attendance

Vestry: David Beall, Maggie Buonarosa, Pam Clark, Cindy Esselburn, Larry Fees, Diana Hillock, Tom Roohr, Bob Sawyer, Marcel Tabor, Fr. Gary Wilde

Visiting Parishioners: John Buntel, Paul Buonarosa, BetteAnn Janes, Janet Lawlor

Absent: Barbara Vaughn

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

Opening Devotion

Various Vestry members read aloud the "Prayers for the Church" found on pages 816-817 from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

Treasurer's Report-David Beall

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

- In several areas, expenses have gone over what was budgeted. On average, our expenses per month have been \$25,700 compared to \$24,700 that was budgeted. This is not due to any mismanagement but to some unexpected expenses as well as improper budgeting for 2018.
- The apportionment owed to the Dioceses will not be paid at this time. This action will not allow us to vote at next year's convention.
- A preliminary budget for 2019 will be presented to the Vestry at the December meeting. By the end of November, Vestry members are asked to communicate to the Finance Committee their need to have more or less money allotted for their commissions for the next year.

A motion was made by Maggie Buonarosa to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Diana Hillock. The motion was unanimously passed.

Formation & Discussion-Bob Sawyer

The Vestry had been asked to read Part 3-Types of Leaders pages 71-101 from the book "*The Myth of the 200 Barrier*".

The latest count recorded with the Diocese in 2017 put Good Shepherd at 160 members which does place us in the Transitional Church category. However, due to seasonal fluctuation, we become a Pastoral sized church in the summer. We discussed leadership styles as they relate to church growth. A long term plan on how we want to focus our time and energy to church growth is also needed.

Fr. Gary is planning to use this book at the Vestry Retreat in February to help the Vestry in addressing this important issue.

Information

- All information items were reviewed:
 - Sunday, November 18 - Pledge Sunday
 - Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23 - Parrish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
 - Sunday, December 2...after 10:00 am service - Men's Breakfast
 - Friday, December 7 - all day Advent Parish Retreat at DaySpring
 - Saturday, December 8...6:00 pm - Food, Fun & Fellowship Potluck Dinner "Italian"
 - Thursday, December 11...12 noon - Christian Women Fellowship Christmas Holiday Luncheon
 - Friday, February 8 & Saturday, February 9, 2019 - Vestry Retreat at Dayspring
 - Secure Building: 11/18-Larry, 11/25-Marcel, 12/2-Pam, 12/9-Sally

- It was also mentioned that the annual Candlelight Remembrance Service at Venice Memorial Gardens would be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7pm. Contact Marjorie Dellecker if more information is needed.
- An Update was given on the following:
 - Nominating Committee-Marcel Tabor: The committee began with 18 possible candidates with 10 yet to respond or have said “no”. The following 8 are considering...Ruth Bruno, John Buntel, Bob Clark, Larry Freeman, Bill Matthews, Marcia Matthews, Paul Mueller, and Sandy Schultz.
 - New Members-Fr. Gary: Vestry members were given a printout containing pictures (if available) and names of all new members to Good Shepherd during 2018. There were 39 names listed. Time was taken to go over all the names with Vestry members sharing any information they had on each new member so we could become more familiar with the new parishioners.
 - English Tea-John Buntel: The dates for the English Tea are Feb 21-22, 2019. This date was chosen so it would not conflict with Valentine’s Day or the Lenten season and would also allow more time for volunteers to have a break after working on the Rummage Sale in mid-January. It has come to John’s attention that several past team leaders (laundry, administrative assistant, antiques & treasures, decorating, head waiter, ticket sales) are not able to help this year. If these positions are not filled, we may have to cancel the English Tea. An email will be sent out to ask parishioners to step up to these leadership roles. If there is no response by the end of November, the Vestry may be asked to take on the leadership roles of positions not filled.
 - Choral Scholars’ Program funding grant-Larry Fees: The \$2,500 grant requested from the Bishop was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Marcel Tabor made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Vestry meeting. Seconded by Tom Roohr. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Discussion

David Beall brought to the Vestry’s attention the continued problem with the information sign on River Road. It was recently vandalized again. David and Tom Roohr have made a temporary fix.

Review of Commission Reports

- Bev Wolff is stepping down as co-chair of the Altar Guild after many years of devoted service. Theresa Marino will be taking her place. Lois Cottrill will remain as the other co-chair.
- The Chili Cook-Off held on November 10th was a fun evening due in large part to the efforts of Lynn Tabor. The Vestry is very appreciative of her hard work in coordinating this event.
- It has been decided that in the future, there will not be any interments in the Memorial Garden after services on Sundays.

Decisions

None at this time.

Marcel Tabor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom Roohr. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Mock, Clerk of the Vestry