

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
VESTRY MEETING
Monday, September 9, 2019

Vestry Members Present: Don Blankenship, Jan Harris, Jamey Bass, Jack Boyne, Duke Fentress, Maggie Fyfe, Van Giersch, Caryn Meade, Ed Sharp, Sheldon Smith, and Caryl Fuller-Treasurer.

Absent: Kevin LeCount
Cle Newsom
Michael Springston

Clergy Present: Imogen Rhodenhiser

Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:00pm.

Dwelling in the Word:

Imogen asked each member to talk about his/her week and who he/she would like to lift up in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes:

Two corrections are needed to the August minutes: 1. In the Finance Report section, change Budge to Budget; 2. In the Sure Foundation Report section, "received pledges as of today of \$156,092" should read "received payments as of today of \$156,092."

A motion was made by Van Giersch to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Seconded by Jan Harris. Motion carried.

Finance Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Caryl Fuller presented the committee's report. The numbers continue to be good. Caryl has yet to receive all committee budget requests and asked that they be submitted as soon as possible.

Imogen moved to accept the August Financial Recap as presented. Van seconded. Motion carried.

Rector's report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Imogen is planning a fall Vestry mini retreat with Canon Catherine Massey. More details to come.

Imogen presented her rules of order for Vestry meetings: meetings will start on time and run an hour and a half, screen use will be kept to a minimum, and conversations will be respectful.

Imogen continues to learn about how committees and ministries fit together at CGS. CGS is a program size church (250-400 ASA) with a pastoral size staff (100-250 ASA). The lay leadership steps up in wonderful ways but this is not sustainable if

we wish to grow. We need to prudently add to staff. A rector of a program size church should spend time developing lay leaders. Imogen would like a list of committees and what Vestry members are on each committee. She also plans to call a full staff meeting.

Imogen has conducted two interviews to fill the interim associate rector position. She would like to call the second interviewee. A motion was made by Caryn Meade to support the calling of Imogen's choice for interim associate rector. Seconded by Maggie Fyfe. Motion carried.

Senior Warden's Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Don Blankenship passed around a note from Rev. Cheryl McFadden. Cheryl's note thanked the Vestry and CGS for naming the Rain Garden in her honor.

Don again discussed the possibility of an auction event led by Molly Propst. Molly proposed a Mardi Gras theme. The Vestry determined that representatives from the Stewardship and Fellowship committees will meet with Molly to discuss the purpose and timing of an auction.

Junior Warden's Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Jan said the nosings on the concrete steps leading down to the back parking lot are complete. A pre-bid meeting for the Rain Garden will be held on Thursday.

At the three-year city fire inspection, it was brought to Jan's attention that live Christmas trees are not permitted in halls of assembly; however, because we have a sprinkler system, we are allowed. Imogen proposed a Christmas tree committee to discuss our options. Jan, Sheldon and Ed will look into options to make our space as safe as possible while these trees are in place.

Jan mentioned that the ambulatory doors are the only outside doors without double cylinder locks. This will be further discussed at the October meeting.

Sure Foundation Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Jamey Bass reviewed how the funds pledged during the Sure Foundation campaign may be used based on campaign commitments made by the Vestry and the needs of the church.

Stewardship (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Deferred to October in the interest of time. Refer to the report for details.

Fellowship Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

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Membership Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Refer to the report for details.

Retreat

Deferred to October in the interest of time.

Christian Formation Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Refer to the report for details.

Business/Administration Report

No report submitted.

Leadership Report

No report submitted.

Outreach Report

No report submitted.

Pastoral Care and Mary Beth Fee Center Report (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Refer to the report for details.

Worship/Liturgy (A copy is attached and included as a part of these minutes)

Refer to the report for details.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

Monday, October 14 is Columbus Day. Imogen asked to move the Vestry meeting to Tuesday, October 15. All agreed.

Adjournment

Imogen led the Vestry in Compline. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Meade