

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**VESTRY MEETING**  
**Monday, July 8, 2019**

**Vestry Members Present:** Don Blankenship, Jan Harris, Jamey Bass, Jack Boyne, Duke Fentress, Kevin LeCount, Caryn Meade, Michael Springston, Ed Sharp, Sheldon Smith, Caryl Fuller-Treasurer and Cle Newsom-Registrar.

**Absent:** Maggie Fyfe  
Van Giersch  
Randy Coupland, Interim Financial Administrator

**Clergy Present:** The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden

Senior Warden Don Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Dwelling in the Word:**

Rev. Cheryl led us in *A Prayer of Self-Dedication* from page 832 of the Prayer Book.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jan Harris to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Jamey Bass. Motion carried. The amendment was to change certain references from "Shepherd's Hall" to "Parish Life Center".

**Rector's report**

With Rev. Pat Grace's departure, there is no report this month.

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

Rev. Cheryl presented the Office of Family Ministry report. There will be a cover dish Lunch and Learn featuring the Rain Garden project this Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The special guests from the NC Extension, NCSU, and City of Raleigh will give us great insight into how the rain garden will function. The rain garden will be at no charge to CGS, having received a \$41,000 grant from the City of Raleigh and designated parishioner donations. We also received a \$5,000 green grant from the Diocese of NC. Rev. Cheryl wanted to especially thank Jan Harris and Nancy Daily for their hard work on this project.

The mission trip to New Bern and the Vacation Bible Study were both successful. Teachers are needed for the J2A curriculum for the young people. Rev. Cheryl and Don are recruiting preachers for August. Pastoral care remains a concern until we are more fully staffed.

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

Caryl Fuller presented the Financial Recap for June 2019. We continue to out-perform the budget with both lower expenses and higher than projected YTD revenue. As of June 30, the Sure Foundation contributions have added almost

\$33,000 to the Shepherd's Vision bank account assuring the Parish Life Center loan interest payments are covered for at least the next year. Duke and Jamey are working on a project to communicate with previous campaign donors to tie up loose ends and close out those campaigns. Lastly, the annual financial audit has begun by Koonce Wooten & Haywood.

Ed moved to accept the June Financial Recap as presented. Jamey seconded. Motion carried.

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

Jack reported the Sure Foundation committee met earlier today. Total pledges are now \$129,000 and we have received pledges as of today are now \$41,864. There is no further input from the Vestry on the Frequently Asked Questions. Jack will forward the document to Kirk Royal for publication in the newsletter. There will be other announcement documents and visual aids to watch the pledges grow. A thermometer has been suggested and Jamey will work with Kirk on the details. Weekly updates will be publicized. We will wait until after the new Rector announcement has been made to begin the Sure Foundation updates.

**Senior Warden's Report**

No report submitted.

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

Jan thanked several of the Vestry members and Leon Cosby, who filled in for her while she was on vacation.

**Christian Formation Report**

No report submitted.

**Business/Administration Report**

No report submitted.

**Fellowship Report**

No report submitted.

**Leadership Report**

No report submitted.

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

Michael Springston presented the details of a new church directory, which can be found in his report. The tentative time for photo sessions is September 2019. It will take 4-8 weeks after the photos are taken to receive a finished directory. It was decided to ask for small donations from those ordering a directory. Kevin LeCount moved to accept the proposal and Duke seconded. Motion carried.

Ed asked who owned the rights to the directory information. Michael will ask the Lifetouch representative. CGS may be able to update the directory ourselves in the future.

**Mary Beth Fee Center Report**

No report submitted.

**Outreach Report**

No report submitted.

**Pastoral Care Report**

No report submitted.

**Stewardship**

No report submitted. The Stewardship committee did not meet this month due to Sure Foundation activities. Jack expects to meet with Frank Fee this week.

**Search Committee update**

No report submitted.

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

The report provides a detailed list of discussion topics from the June 30<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Rev. Cheryl stated we have another opportunity to receive some NC Diocesan funds through the Historical Church Grant program. We may receive up to \$10,000 toward renovation project(s) that are needed. The Vestry agreed to pursue the funds in hopes of repairing our handicapped ramp.

Caryl reminded the Vestry that budget time would be here soon. She will need committee chair names shortly after Labor Day.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm. The Vestry continued into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cle E. Newsom*

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