

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
VESTRY MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2019

Vestry Members Present: Don Blankenship, Jan Harris, Jamey Bass, Jack Boyne, Duke Fentress, Van Giersch, Caryn Meade, Michael Springston, Ed Sharp, Sheldon Smith, and Cle Newsom-Registrar.

Absent: Maggie Fyfe
Kevin LeCount
Caryl Fuller

Clergy Present: None

Senior Warden Don Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He made one adjustment to the agenda by removing the "Report on Audit". The audit will be reviewed in a separate meeting.

Dwelling in the Word:

Sheldon led us in a Prayer for Guidance from the Prayer Book.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Van Giersch to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jamey Bass. Motion carried.

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)

The Office of Family Ministry report is included and gives details of upcoming events and Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden's schedule until she leaves. She will be able to spend two weeks with Rev. Imogen once she arrives.

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

Duke Fentress presented the Financial Recap for July 2019. We continue to out-perform the budget with both lower expenses and higher than projected YTD revenue. Duke reminded the Vestry that the good news should be accepted with careful interpretation as some parishioners have prepaid their pledges; so future incoming funds may lag. As of July 31, the Sure Foundation contributions have added almost \$68,000 to the Shepherd's Vision bank account assuring the Parish Life Center loan interest payments are covered for at least the next year. The 2020 Budget funding requests are due to the Finance Committee by September 1. Lastly, the field work for the annual financial audit by Koonce Wooten & Haywood has been completed and the firm is still working to compile accounting adjustments and finalize the bank reconciliation.

Van moved to accept the July Financial Recap as presented. Jan seconded. Motion carried.

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

In addition to the Report, Don discussed the possibility of an auction in October. Molly Propst would head the effort. The Vestry discussed the amount of work involved in facilitating the auction in approximately two months. Overall, the Vestry felt, while everyone is supportive of an auction, it might compete with our other initiatives and planned events for September and October. The Vestry would like to reconsider an auction for 2020.

Canon Massey has been very helpful with names of supply priests that can help the CGS until more staff is in place. We will wait until Rev. Imogen is here to discuss her plans for Associate Rectors.

The joint Golf Tournament between the Shepherds Table and the CGS will be held Tuesday, October 15th.

A light breakfast and cake will be held on August 18th for Rev. Cheryl's last Sunday preaching. A motion was made by Van to dedicate the new Rainwater Garden to Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden. Ed Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed is the chairman of Columbarium committee. Ed thanked Bit Hardy and Randy Coupland for their work on the committee. Some of the niches have been sold in multiples. Going forward, Ed suggests we assign the niches so that the multiples are next to each other. The Vestry agreed.

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

Jan discussed the nosings that concrete steps leading down to the back parking lot. The cost will be approximately \$1200. Jack motioned that we spend the funds to accomplish this repair. Jamey seconded. Motion carried.

Jan also mentioned that a parishioner questioned the charge for renting the Shepherd's Hall for weddings for a member of the church. The Vestry discussed the associated expenses of renting the space, such as a sexton. The Vestry also discussed the idea of a discount for parishioner who is "known to the Treasurer" and a member in good standing. No decision was made and the issue was tabled until Rev. Imogen is present.

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

Jack reported the Sure Foundation has received pledges totaling \$285,085 as of 8/12/19 and we have received payments as of today of \$156,092. More pledges are expected. It is important to end the Sure Foundation prior to the Stewardship campaign. The Sure Foundation has been a successful campaign.

Jamey and Duke reached out to parishioners who had pledged to previous campaigns and received positive feedback for the reminders. All collected funds will be deposited into the Shepherd's Vision Account.

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

The Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 13 and end on Commitment Sunday, November 17. The report gives more details of the Stewardship committee's meeting discussions.

Fellowship Report

Van reminded us that Rally Day is scheduled for September 8th.

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 dates are set for September 16 17, 23, and 24 for the photo-taking.

Retreat

Ed reported that approximately 50 people have signed up for the retreat. There may be 1-2 rooms still available. Approximately 1/3 of those going have not paid yet.

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)

The MBFC committee met on July 23 and the report contains details of that meeting. Lynn Wiss is our new Pastoral Care Coordinator and thanks to Molly Propst for filling this role since Elizabeth Phillips left.

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

The committee did not meet in July. The report includes updates on training for our ushers, lectors, intercessors, chalcists, and acolytes.

Old Business

We found out our church is not designated as an historical church in the Diocese, so no opportunity for a grant exists. Van suggested we look for other grants, especially from the City of Raleigh.

New Business

Rev. Imogen would like to have Monday as her designated day off. The Vestry discussed moving the Vestry meetings from the second Monday to another day of the week. Based on schedules of the members, it was felt it is better to keep the current schedule. Rev. Imogen had volunteered to take a different day off during the week when there is a Vestry meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cle E. Newsom

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Registrar