

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting April 26, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Bob Lee, Dave Dube, Cheryl Sharpe, Maureen Belote, Sandy Kneen, Jerry Mullinax, Dan Depies, Joe Nixon, Chris Schombs, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: None

A photograph was taken of the Vestry.

I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky at 6:14PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by Cindy Roehl

II. Bible Study

- Pastor Becky led the Bible Study from 1st Peter 1:17-23.

III. Information

A. Mark Your Calendars

- **May 6:** Diocesan Vestry Retreat @ DaySpring
- **May ??:** Vestry Visioning and Goal work? TBS
- **May 24: Vestry Meeting @6:15PM**
- **May 28:** Bob Shone's last Sunday. There will be a celebration of Bob's service after each Coffee Hour.
- **May 29:** Memorial Day Service @ 10:00AM

B. Financial Report

- Joe Nixon asked if there were any questions on Handout #2A and Handout #2B.
- There were no specific questions concerning the reports, but there were some general comments made by some of the members.
- Joe brought attention to the alternate incomes and their importance to the Revenue Streams Report (Handout #2C).

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items

- March 22, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- Ratify vote approving repairs to plumbing by Harris Plumbing (Handout #5)
- A motion to approve was made by Jerry Mullinax; seconded by Maureen Belote.

- Approved.

B. Capital Campaign Phase 3 Construction Plans & Quote

- Pastor Becky brought attention to Handout #3 which included “Remaining Cost Breezeway Renovation”; “Proposal from Jeff Brauer” and “Construction Agreement” (4 pages)
- The “Construction Agreement” outlines the work to be done: digging of the trench and Phases I, II and III of the actual construction.
- There was a brief discussion of the project which included possible changes to the cable system in conjunction with proposed electrical work. Also included in the discussion was a proposal to sell pavers to make up for the difference in construction costs and available monies.
- Maureen Belote moved that the Capital Campaign Phase 3 construction plans and quote be approved as presented. Second by Sandy Kneen.
- Approved.

V. Discussion

A. Fire System possibilities

- Pastor Becky brought attention to Handouts #1A, 1B and 1C
- Guest Presenter: Chad Brewer spoke on behalf of United Fire Systems
- Note: Chad’s presentation was at the beginning of the Vestry meeting.
- Mr. Brewer gave background information on discussions he had with Garry Lumm concerning the sprinkler system and the fire alarm panel in the educational building.
- Mr. Brewer’s conclusion was that the problem with the fire alarm panel was found in the phone line. He noted that the older panels do not communicate well with the phone lines.
- He quoted a price of approximately \$20K to upgrade the fire alarm system in the educational building. A new panel will bring the building up to current specifications.
- While the Pinellas Fire Department would like to see the system upgraded they will be satisfied if the current panel is functioning.
- Mr. Brewer recommended that the parish consider a Cellular Dialer for this panel and went over the costs for this upgrade (April 25, 2017 quote).
- There was considerable discussion relative to his presentation and the present agreements with Tyco SimplexGrinnell. The system currently in place at Good Shepherd has three panels: two for fire and one for the security system in the Sanctuary. Currently the fire system in the educational building is not functioning.
- Building and Grounds was asked to make a recommendation on the fire alarm panel hopefully at the next meeting. In addition Building and

Grounds needs to make a recommendation concerning the sprinkler system in the educational building.

- Pastor Becky emphasized that until something is done to the panel in the educational building, this area will be without fire monitoring.

B. Furniture Thrift Store Purchase Presentation

- Dave Dube presented the report of the Furniture Thrift Store Purchase Feasibility Study as shown in Handout #4 (4 pages)
- Vestry members of the Task Force are Dan Depies, Bob Lee, Joe Nixon and Dave Dube.
- Additional members are Shirl Ahrens, Dick Smedley and Andrea Zahn who were in attendance at the Vestry meeting.
- There was discussion and questions from the members. It was noted that the selling price of \$600K is probably non-negotiable. The need for an appraisal was discussed. A question was raised about the availability of other facilities in the area that may be available for purchase.
- Joe Nixon spoke of the purchase of the Shepherd Center in Tarpon Springs which is a successful thrift store in the area.
- Dave summarized the Pros and Cons of the purchase as found on page 4 of the handout.
- At this point there is no recommendation concerning the purchase and members were asked to study the presentation materials for a decision to be made at a future date.
- Pastor Becky noted that the next decision to be made on the property is whether to have an appraisal made. Once that is completed the Vestry can decide how to continue with purchase plans.

VI. Planning

A. 5th Sunday Vestry Coffee Hour April 30th

- There will be a 5th Sunday Vestry coffee hour.
- Dave Dube will send a note to Jan to advertise in Weekly
- The members are asked to bring food.

B. Safeguarding God's People Training

- All Vestry Members must have it!
 - Dave Dube—new
 - Dan Depies—new
 - Maureen Belote—expires 09-17
 - Bob Lee—expires 09-17
 - Christ Schombs—expires 10-17
- Cheryl Sharpe reported that another program will be offered at the end of June. The date has not been set but will probably be June 25th. It may be done after church. It can also be completed on-line.

C. Selling pavers to finance Phase #

- Who (NOT on Vestry) could lead project?
- Bob Lee and Joe Nixon will go through the leadership list to select at least two persons to work on this project.
- Once the persons are identified by the Vestry they will need to select the pavers; find costs for engraving; ascertain the delivery time and make other recommendations relative to the purchase.
- There was a brief discussion on costs, engraving and delivery time, and it was also suggested that furniture be considered for the area. Extra money from the sale of pavers could be used to purchase the furniture.

VII. Closing Devotions

- The closing devotion was given by Cindy Roehl

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk