

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting December 12, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Diane Niford, Sandy Kneen, Jerry Mullinax, Cheryl Sharpe, Joe Nixon, Dan Depies, Jim Ratcliff, Bill Blizzard, Dave Dube, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: None

### I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman at 6:30PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by Pat Cates

### II. Spiritual Journey

- Pat Cates gave his spiritual journey

### III. Information

#### A. Mark Your Calendars

- **December 16:** Bishop Smith Visitation
- **December 16:** Hanging of the Greens at 12:00PM
- **December 16:** Carol Sing with Bells of Hope at 4:00PM
- **December 23-25:** Advent and Christmas Services
- **January 13, 2019:** Drum Circle, Weaver Park at 12:30PM
- **January 20:** Candidate Questionnaires due
- **January 23: Vestry Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **January 27:** RenewalWorks Kickoff Sunday
- **January 27:** 4<sup>th</sup> United Faiths Walk of Peace at 2:00PM
- **January 31: New Member Colloquium at 6:00PM**
- **February 3: Welcome New Members**
- **February 7-17:** Annual Giving Appeal
- **February 10: Annual Meeting with Celebrating our Blessings Grand Finale at 12:00PM**
- **February 17: New Member Social @ 4:00PM** at the Nifords'
- **February 20: Vestry Organizational Meeting at 6:30PM**
- **February 20: Vestry Orientation at 7:00PM**
- **March 6:** Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- **March 15:** World Famous Shrimp Boil VIII
- **March 8-9: Vestry Retreat**

## **B. Financial Report**

- Joe Nixon asked if there were any questions on Handouts #1A, #1B and #1C
- With no questions, Joe reported on the recent budget meetings.
- Approximately a dozen congregants attended the two meetings, and there was interest in the budget process. Many of those attending were new members.
- There were questions about the budget including the annual pledge drive.
- Shirl Ahrens explained the Endowment Fund
- Joe feels that there was enough interest to hold the meetings again next year.

## **IV. Decision**

### **A. Consent Items**

- November 24, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes--approve
- Fundraising Request to sell United Faiths Walk of Peace t-shirts
- Fundraising Request to hold a Shrimp Boil on March 15
- The request for the Shrimp Boil was pulled off the Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve the other items by Cheryl Sharpe; seconded by Sandy Kneen.
- Approved.

### **B. Shrimp Boil**

- This item was pulled off the Consent Agenda.
- Pastor Becky reported that the Finance Committee raised the question of whether the tickets should be \$20 each or increased to \$25 per person.
- Currently the price is \$20 and the committee wanted to explore raising the prices to \$25 per ticket.
- Cheryl Sharpe gave background information on the event which included a donation made by the Brotherhood to last year's event.
- Cheryl is looking to cover the cost of the shrimp by the Brotherhood and the Episcopal Church Women and by asking for donations of food from the congregation similar to the requests for food for the Thanksgiving dinner.
- It is recommended that for this year's event 90% of the ticket sales go to the operating budget of the parish and 10% to Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Monies from the bar and 50/50 raffle will go to the ERD.
- There was a lengthy discussion of this event and each member was asked by mutual invitation to give their opinion on ticket prices; whether to remain at \$20 or increase to \$25.

- Most of the members responded that they would like the price to remain at \$20.
- There was also discussion concerning the bar and the amount of tips that are collected.
- It was recommended that the “tip jar” be more visible with signage and possibly a suggested donation.
- It was noted that one parishioner sells a number of tickets, and he was called to get his opinion on the ticket price.
- The member reported that he will not be selling tickets this year as he had a number of complaints about the quality of the food and the overall organization at last year’s Shrimp Boil.
- This prompted further discussion.
- Pastor Becky asked the Vestry for approval for the fundraising request of the Shrimp Boil at the current price of \$20. She further noted that Cheryl and her team will look to make any necessary improvements.
- Approved by consensus.

## **V. Discussion**

### **A. Report of the Peace Park Task Force**

- Dan Depies discussed Handout #1D “Peace Park Task Force—Executive Summary
- Dan gave the history of the Task Force and talked about the goals of the group.
- The short-term goals are to continue with the current uses such as the parking lot team. The parking lot team will generate approximately \$15K to \$20K income for the year.
- The medium-term goals are to continue working with the City of Dunedin and ensure that persons who use the lot are paying a fair price.
- Dan focused on the long-term options as presented in the summary.
- Option #1 is to do nothing and maintain the current use of the lot.
- Option #2 is to sell the land
- Option #3 is to develop the property with Townhomes and sell the units.
- Option #4 is to develop the property and rent Townhomes units.
- There was a lengthy discussion on each of the options.
- It was noted that the current value of the lot is not based on an appraisal but data that has been collected by the Task Force.
- In regards to selling the property it was noted that if the lot were sold and the monies placed in the Endowment Fund it would generate approximately \$48K a year.
- The option of turning the lot into affordable housing is worth exploring with the City of Dunedin.

- Consideration should be given as to what will benefit the City while giving the parish an income stream.
- It is possible to have retail businesses on the first floor and housing units on the second. This may create a space if the Little Thrift Shop needs to relocate.
- Turning the lot into a parking deck is not feasible. The cost is very high and the City will only allow two floors.
- While a decision does not have to be made immediately the Task Force is looking to the Vestry for direction. The Task Force will soon need to make a decision on the property.
- A straw vote of the Vestry determined that the lot should not be sold but that conversations should be held with the City of Dunedin as to future uses. Pastor Becky recommended that discussion with the City begin soon.
- The Vestry supports development of the property, and there were a number of ideas expressed by the members.
- The Task Force was thanked for their work on this project.

## **VI. Planning**

### **A. Vestry Devotions Schedule for 2019-2020—sign-up sheet**

- A schedule was circulated among the members for devotional sign-ups.

### **B. Annual Meeting and Celebrating Our Blessings Grand Celebration**

February 10, 2019

- When serve lunch?
- Notices about bringing in photographs—display, use and return
- “Tell Me About You” Questions—organizing the table discussions
- It was consensus to serve lunch as soon as worship is completed around 11:30AM.
- There will be an announcement in the newsletter asking for members to submit their photographs.
- Sandy Kneen will collect and number the photographs. Copies will be made of the original photographs.
- In addition to the photographs members will be asked to complete a short questionnaire.
- Sandy and Joe Nixon will finalize the questionnaire and forward to Jan Cote for distribution.
- There was a short discussion on the photographs/questionnaires.
- It was suggested that the photographs be placed in a large collage and that members be allowed to guess the identities of the photographs.
- Joe recommended that a parish member be highlighted each week

- The idea behind the photographs and questionnaires is to highlight that “while we were children people were getting the church ready, and we are doing the same”. Also it is a celebration of our blessings. “Those who came before us made it possible for us to be where we are today.”

**C. Late motion from Dave Dube**

- Dave Dube asked for approval of a fundraising request for the Meals of Hope Cabaret on January 26, 2019. Tickets will be sold in January.
- Approved.

**VII. Closing Devotions**

- The closing devotion was given by Pat Cates

**VIII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Pat Cates  
Clerk