

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting June 28, 2017

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

Members Absent: Joe Nixon, Chris Schombs

Guests: Jeremy Reynolds, Keith Brady

I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky at 6:16PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by Pastor Becky from the "Worship to Open a Meeting"

II. Guest Presentation on Audio/Visual Project: (From Decision Agenda) Information on electrical changes necessary to complete the A/V Project in the sanctuary, these changes are not in the original scope of the work. Guest: Jeremy Reynolds and Keith Brady

- Since the initial work was done there have been new problems in the Sanctuary.
- The T-coil and the projector sound won't work unless some of the lights are turned off.
- The problem was traced to ungrounded circuits. When the building was constructed true grounds were not required.
- Three new circuits with proper grounds will be run to the ungrounded switches, the amplifier and the mixing board. This will require new wiring which will be hidden as much as possible.
- The work will begin with the ungrounded switches and then proceed to the amplifier and mixing board in an effort to keep the costs down.
- The cost is approximately \$3,000 which is the lowest bid.

III. Bible Study

- Pastor Becky led the Bible Study from Matthew 5:43-48.

IV. Information

A. Mark Your Calendars

- **July 12: Vestry Visioning @ 7PM**
- **July 19?: Vestry Meeting @6:15PM (see below)**
- **August 26:** Diocesan Stewardship Conference @ DaySpring
- **Sept. 9: Deanery Collaborative Event** at St. Pete College (see below)
- **Sept. 12:** Bob Moncrief begins as new Music Director
- **Feb. 4, 2018:** United Faith Walk of Peace @ 2PM

B. Financial Report

- Handouts #1A and #1B “Outreach, Mission & Ministry Report” and “Treasury Report to the Vestry”
- Pastor Becky asked all members to read the reports and noted that there will be a withdrawal from the Endowment Fund by the end of the month.

V. Decision

A. Consent Items

- May 25, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- Plumbing Repair Proposal—recommend no work done.
- Motion to approve was made by Sandy Kneen; seconded by Cheryl Sharpe
- Approved

B. Deanery—SPC Collaborative Labs Planning

- Head Count—up to 8 can attend.
- Focus on what can the 11 parishes of the Deanery do together?
- The meeting will be from 8:30 to 3 on September 9
- Dave Dube, Maureen Belote, Cheryl Sharpe, Becky Robbins-Penniman and Cindy Roehl will attend
- Pastor Becky will need to check with Joe and Chris to see if they can go

C. Requests for Access to Property to get to Neighbor’s Backyard

- Garden Room and TNT Environmental LLC
- Handout #2 has two agreements which need to be approved.
- A neighbor requested access to their property for some demolition work.
- The access will be through the back of the parish property, and it has been specified that the property must be returned to its original condition upon completion of the work.
- Motion to approve that Becky be authorized to sign the two agreements was made by Dave Dube; seconded by Jerry Mullinax.
- Approved

D. A/V System electrical work

- Based upon the report of Jeremy Reynolds it was the consensus of the Vestry to have the work completed as soon as possible.

VI. Planning

A. Selling pavers to finance Phase 3

- Pastor Becky has been approached by individuals who have indicated that they will make donations towards the funding needed for Phase 3.
- Pastor Becky remarked that the decision needs to be made as to whether to sell pavers or ask for donations.
- Selling pavers will raise necessary monies and are also a commemoration of the work that has been done.
- Bob Lee has talked with Butch Niford who is interested in exploring the mechanics of the pavers and offering advice to those who will be making the decisions. Butch has an engineering background.
- Butch Niford does not want to be involved with fundraising for the pavers.
- Bob Lee indicated that a team is needed to address the fundraising issue.
- There was a discussion relative to the fundraising issue including the costs of the pavers and the logistics to sell them to the parish members.
- At this point a person to lead the fundraiser activities has not been identified.
- In addition to the pavers it is anticipated that monies will need to be raised to purchase tables, chair and benches for the area.
- It was consensus that only one fundraising effort should be completed.
- The selling of pavers is hoping to generate \$4,000 which is the projected shortfall for the completion of Phase 3. There is a possibility that this amount could rise slightly.

B. July 26 Vestry Meeting: Reschedule to 19th; cancel or “repurpose”?

- There was a suggestion to have no July meeting but handle any matters which come before the Vestry during this time frame by email.
- Becky requested that emails not be used during this time as she will be on vacation.
- By consensus the July meeting will be cancelled. A meeting may be called at 6:00 on the day of the Visioning meeting for any decisions that need to be made.

C. Newcomers Social: Set date for next event

- The last social was held in March and to keep on the four month schedule a newcomers social needs to be scheduled in August.
- Christ Schombs has offered his house for the event.
- After a short discussion it was consensus to hold the newcomer social between August 13th and September 10th.
- Sandy Kneen will meet with Chris Schombs to determine an appropriate date.

VII. Discussion

A. Furniture Thrift Store Purchase Discussion

- Dave Dube, Joe Nixon and Dan Depies met with Gus Robbins-Penniman
- Gus is working on a proposal and a business plan which will include a succession plan. It will be ready at the end of July. Three possible candidates for succession have been identified.
- The Endowment Board will be notified of the loan proposals and business plans for their feedback. They are not scheduled to meet until the fall.
- Dave Dube pointed out that the projections presented in his previous report are based upon 5 years of using the entire space as a furniture thrift store.
- There is talk of keeping the convenience store or using this space for another unnamed opportunity.
- Dan presented three options for the \$600K cost: (1) \$300K Endowment and \$300K owner Han; (2) \$150K Han and \$450K Endowment and (3) \$600K Endowment and \$0 Han.
- Dan also spoke of the payoff time which will be roughly ten years. The Endowment Board will be paid off in seven years.
- The proposal and business plan will be ready before Gus and Becky go on vacation at the end of July.

VIII. Closing Devotions

- The closing devotion was given by Pastor Becky from the "Prayers of Intercession"

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk