

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida
Minutes of the October Meeting
October 17, 2022 5:30PM
Patio Room

Our Mission and Vision

We will

- Aspire to live in a world where all creation thrives in God's love,
- Seek to become who God created us to be by worshipping joyfully, respecting all, sharing generously and nurturing every spirit.

Rector: The Rev. Whitney Burton

Senior. Warden: Phil Beauchamp Junior Warden: Robyn Harker
Deacon: Cindy Roehl Treasurer: Robin Megel Clerk: C. Pat Cates

Class of 2023	Dan Depies	London Bates	Judy Warner
Class of 2024	Robin Megel	Caroline Maisel	Rhiannon Sharpe
Class of 2025	Phil Beauchamp	Robyn Harker	Mary Ratliff

Present: Rev. Whitney Burton, Rhiannon Sharpe, Dan Depies, Caroline Maisel, Judy Warner, Robin Megel, Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker, Mary Ratliff, Pat Cates

Absent: Deacon Cindy Roehl, London Bates

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Rev. Whitney at 5:32PM.

II. Opening Devotion

- The Opening Devotion was given by Robyn Harker.

III. Information

A. Financial Report

- A. Handouts #1A and #1B
- Robin Megel reported that contributions are at the same level as last years.
- Volunteer hours have shown an increase
- 2,000 lbs. of food was collected at the last Bagzilla.
- Expenses are under budget.
- The Endowment Fund is down 6%.

- Operating Cash at the end of this month will be \$36K and by the end of November will be less than \$24K.
- Robin noted that it is time to take the second draw from the Endowment Fund.
- Robin moved that the Vestry request the second disbursement of \$33,403 from the Endowment Fund in the first week of November.
- The motion was seconded by Judy Warner
- Approved
- The 2023 Budget Process Timeline (Handout #1C) has been sent out and the budget committee is in place.
- There was a meeting with the agent for the church insurance and the premium has gone up 10% and will go up an additional 10% in 2023.
- All the paperwork associated with the American Recovery Plan Act has been submitted and the check should be available soon.
- There was a short discussion as to the status of negotiations with the City of Dunedin's paid use of Peace Park.
- The City's computers were hacked, and they are heavily involved in getting all records restored.
- The City has requested that all negotiations be conducted with London Bates.

B. Vestry Liaison Report

- Handout #2
- Judy Warner gave highlights of the report.
- It was noted that there have not been minutes from Building and Grounds, and it was the consensus of the Vestry that they would like to see minutes from each meeting.
- Robyn Harker will talk with chairperson Cheryl Sharpe to see if she will type out her notes from the meeting or appoint a secretary to take minutes.

C. Stewardship Report

- Judy Warner gave a brief update on the Stewardship Campaign which began on October 16th.

D. Rector's Report—See Report in Vestry Packet

- Handout #3
- Rev. Whitney informed the Vestry that Bishop Dabney Smith will be in worship on November 13th.
- Approximately 5-7 confirmands will be received.

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items—September Meeting minutes—approve

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil Beauchamp.
- The motion was seconded by Robin Megel

- Approved.

B. Resolution for Insurance Stipend—See Packet

- Handout #4
- The Finance Committee approved the Resolution and is recommending that the Vestry approve it.
- It was noted that the Diocese has been notified in writing of the Resolution and all is in order.
- Steven is currently in the enrollment period, and if approved, coverage will begin January 1, 2023.
- This change will result in savings for the parish as well as for Rev. Whitney and Steven.
- Approved by the Vestry.

V. Discussion

A. Property/B& G

- Building and Grounds is in the process of reviewing the appliances, A/C systems, etc. around the campus to obtain their “useful life”.

B. Rectory Discussion

- The Vestry met with the Rectory Exploration Team a week ago to look at options pertaining to the Rector’s house and the Sexton’s house.
- Tours of the two properties have been conducted.
- The work of the Rectory Exploration Team has concluded.
- There was a lengthy discussion that followed.
- Early in the discussion it was consensus not to proceed with a “new build” on the church campus.
- The discussion quickly moved towards the Sexton’s house and possible improvements to be made to this property.
- It was noted that a qualified person needs to look at the Sexton’s house professionally to determine the scope of the work and to conduct a feasibility study.
- It was consensus of the Vestry to be in agreement for any future plans for the Rectory and/or the Sexton’s house.
- Phil Beauchamp made a motion for the Vestry to pursue making improvements on the Sexton’s property by asking two contractors to look at the property and give the Vestry a price for improvements which can be made with a \$100K budget and a \$200K budget. It is the intention of the Vestry to use this house as a Rectory for the near future (5-8 years)
- Caroline Maisel offered the second to the motion.
- During the discussion which followed it was noted that Robyn Harker will contact two contractors who have previously looked at the Rectory during the work of the Rectory Exploration Team.

- Approved.

C. Furniture Thrift Store

- Handout #5 Letter from the FTS Board
- As outlined in the letter the FTS cited the challenges of maintaining the current operating levels of the store.
- They are requesting an assessment of the property for a possible future sale.
- There was a brief discussion which included the success of this ministry, possible plans for downsizing to another location, the balance of the mortgage (\$189K) and plans for future outreach.
- Dan Depies volunteered his services to help with the assessment and listing the property for sale if this is deemed appropriate.
- Judy Warner moved that Dan Depies complete an assessment of the FTS property as requested by their Board.
- Phil Beauchamp offered the second.
- Approved.

VI. Planning

A. Vestry Breakfast on 5th Sundays

- The next 5th Sunday breakfast sponsored by the Vestry will be on October 30th.
- The theme for this month's breakfast will be an Octoberfest and Robyn Harker passed around a sheet for the members to sign up.
- Robyn stated that she will need help with set up and will need a few members after the 8:00AM service to mingle.
- She will send a reminder as it gets closer to October 30th.

B. Maternity Leave

- Rev. Whitney reported that she will have more information at the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

VIII. Closing Devotion

- The Closing Devotion was given by Robyn Harker.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Whitney at 7:22PM.

Respectively submitted,

C. Pat Cates, Clerk