

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

Minutes of the April Vestry Meeting held on May 1, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Dan Depies, Cheryl Sharpe, Joe Nixon, Jim Ratcliff, Diane Niford, Robyn Harker, Phil Beauchamp, John Russotto, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: Bill Blizzard

I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman at 6:33PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by John Russotto

II. Spiritual Journey

- John Russotto gave his spiritual journey..

III. Information

A. Mark Your Calendars

- **May 11: Diocesan Vestry Retreat @ DaySpring 9:00AM to 3:00PM**
- **May 17: Parish Game Night @ 6:30PM**
- **May 22: Vestry Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **May 27: Memorial Day Service and Reception @ 10:00AM**
- **June 30: 5th Sunday Vestry Coffee Hour**

B. Financial Report

- Handouts #1A and #1B were distributed.
- There were no questions or discussion from the members.

C. Audit Recommendations

- Handout #3
- It was noted that the date on the top of the handout needs to be changed from "2018" to "2019"
- Pastor Becky reviewed the "Comments and recommendations of current year auditors". There were four recommendations.
- Dan Depies will speak to both the Furniture Thrift Store and the Little Thrift Shop concerning the recommendations.

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items

- March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- Cheryl Sharpe motioned for approval; seconded by Phil Beauchamp
- Approved

B. Letter of Agreement with Rector—approve

- Handout #4
- Pastor Becky went over the change to Section D, No. 2 (**in bold**)
- This change clarified the wording from the previous document presented at last month's meeting
- Motion to approved was made by Phil Beauchamp; seconded by Diane Niford
- Pastor Becky and Cheryl Sharpe signed the document.
- The clerk will make copies for Becky and the Vestry.

C. Fundraising Request from Prayer Quilt Ministry—approve

- Handout #5
- There was a question asked concerning the use of the funds generated.
- The monies will be used for the Quilting Ministry and/or the Discretionary Fund.
- Approved by consensus

D. Lawn Care Contract—Recommendation from B & G

- Handout #6 and #6A
- There are two bids for the lawn care contract
- The current contract is held by Mark Pilletier
- Mark has asked for a \$60 increase on his present contract of \$640 which will bring the total to \$700 per month.
- Pastor Becky reported that Mark has done a good job with the lawn service.
- Another bid was presented by the Nice Care Lawn Service (Handout #6B)
- Currently First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin uses Nice Care Lawn Service and has highly recommended them.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of each proposal.
- The proposals have been discussed by Building and Grounds.
- The Vestry needs to vote on the two proposals.
- It was noted that by using Nice Care Lawn Service, their monthly bid of \$400 will save the parish approximately \$3600 a year in lawn care costs.

- Motion to enter into an agreement for lawn service provided by Nice Care Lawn Service was made by Cheryl Sharpe; seconded by John Russotto
- Approved
- The clerk will make copies of the complete proposal from Nice Care Lawn Service for the Vestry and Building and Grounds.

V. Discussion

A. Renewal/Works Action Plan

- Handout #7
- Cindy Roehl gave background for Renewal/Works and went over the handout.
- She reported that there were 99 responses to the Spiritual Life Inventory (SLI).
- From the SLI survey four workshops were held which focused on four questions: Where have we, individually and as a congregation, been? Where are we now? Where do we feel called to go? How will we get there?
- After hearing the report from Cindy it was consensus to continue Renewal/Works and enlist help from members of the parish.
- Leadership training is a big component of the program.
- There was a lengthy discussion which included how Renewal/Works will dovetail with the program church concept and also be in line with the current Vestry focus.
- This report is the conclusion of the Renewal/Works Action Plan
- The Spiritual Formation Team will continue this project as part of Invite, Welcome and Connect
- Carey Cherivtch and Cheryl Sharpe will enlist members of the congregation (including Vestry members) to be part of the Spiritual Formation Team. Communication with the Vestry will be a strong component of future plans as outlined in the Action Plan
- In conclusion, the report has been received; here are the highlights and this is what is going to be done with it.

B. “Whirlwind” Reports

- **Goal Updates**—Promised/Done/Next
- **Liaison Reports**—Celebrations/Concerns/status changes/succession planning
- Enterprise (Dan Depies): Both thrift shops are doing well with above average sales. The challenge with the Little Thrift Shop is moving forward with the City of Dunedin. Joe Nixon reported that a termite and building inspection was being done in the facility which may indicate a possible contract. The Furniture Thrift Store is dealing with

mold, asbestos and signage which are all being addressed. The Mission Moment by Jerry Mullinax yielded several potential drivers.

- Engage (Robyn Harker): She has identified herself to the team
- Empower (Joe Nixon): The Personnel Team is actively looking for a Parish Administrator. Two resumes have been received
- Engage (Phil Beauchamp): He will be working on the Outreach Team
- Enlighten (Jim Ratliff): Judy Warner will head the Stewardship Team
- Exalt (John Russotto): LEV home visits are on the calendar and will be in the newsletter.

VI. Planning

A. New Member Social—Date and Place

- It was consensus to hold it on June 2nd at the clubhouse of Joe Nixon's condo complex on Bayshore Boulevard.

B. Masjid Al Salaam Visit of Support

- A message of support for the Christian Community will be given this Sunday at the 10:00AM by Masjid Al Salaam during the mission moment.

C. Safeguarding God's People

- All Vestry members have to be trained.
- Cheryl Sharpe and Carey Cherivtch are trained facilitators
- Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker, Cindy Roehl and Joe Nixon will need to receive the training.

VII. Closing Devotions

- The closing devotion was given by John Russotto

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk