

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting December 11, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Dan Depies, Jim Ratliff, John Russotto, Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker, Diane Niford, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: Bill Blizzard, Joe Nixon, Cheryl Sharpe, Deacon Cindy Roehl

### I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman at 6:32PM

### II. Opening Devotions and Spiritual Journey

- The opening devotion and spiritual journey was given by Robyn Harker.

### III. Information

#### A. Mark Your Calendars

- **December 15:** Bodacious Breakfast with Santa, Hanging of the Greens (11:30AM) and Carol Sing (4:00PM)
- **December 21-25:** So many Christmas services!
- **December 29: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee Hour**
- **January 8: Wardens Meeting @ 6:15PM**
- **January 12:** New Member Colloquium
- **January 19: New Member Social @ 4PM to 6PM**
- **January 22: Vestry Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **January 26, 2020: "Shining Our Light" Stewardship Season begins**
- **January 26:** United Faiths Walk of Peace @ 2:00PM to 5:00PM
- **February 9: 2020 Annual Parish Meeting**
- **February 12: Vestry Photo, Organizational Meeting & Orientation**
- **February 16: "Shining Our Light" Stewardship Season Gathering Sunday**
- **February 16: Commissioning of ALL Elected Leaders**
- **March 13 & 14: Vestry Retreat**

**B. Vestry Devotions Schedule 2020—Sign-up sheet**

**C. Appreciative Inquiry Interviews—Sign-up sheet**

### IV. Decision

#### A. Consent Items

- November 20, 2019 Regular minutes—approve
- Diane Niford moved for approval; Jim Ratliff seconded
- Approved

## **B. Vestry Voices & Vibes:** Continuation plans and responsibilities

- Bill had sent an email to the Vestry concerning Vestry Voices & Vibes.
- All members did not received the email so Becky summarized what Bill had written.
- Vestry members are asked to write one or two articles per year for inclusion in the newsletter.
- Mary Ratliff will contact new members for this information.
- All materials need to be submitted to Dawn by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.
- The newsletter will consist of one column of text by a Vestry member and two columns devoted to the new member.
- Each member was asked to respond to Bill's email through mutual invitation.
- It was the consensus of the Vestry to continue publishing monthly Vestry Voices & Vibes.

## **V. Discussion**

### **A. Vestry Candidates**

- Pastor Becky reported on the upcoming Vestry elections.
- Jim Ratliff will be running for a second term.
- Dan Depies will be running for a second term.
- Joe Nixon has reached term limits and cannot run, but he will continue his work with finances.
- Bill Blizzard will be announcing his resignation at the Annual Meeting.
- On January 5<sup>th</sup> Diane Niford and Cheryl Sharpe will present the mission moment where there will be a call for candidates. Perspective candidates must submit the questionnaire electronically.
- Vestry members are encouraged to seek candidates to participate in the election.
- In Summary, one new candidate will need to be elected for a three year term along with Jim Ratliff and Dan Depies, and a candidate will need to be elected for one year to fill Bill Blizzard's unexpired term.

### **B. Historical Landmark Designation—**Invite city officials to explain?

- Pastor Becky spoke with City Official Deborah Kynes. Either Deborah and/or Gregory Rice are available to speak with the Vestry.
- It was consensus to allow Becky to invite city officials to give additional information on the Historical Landmark Designation. The meeting date will be announced at a later date.

## VI. Planning

### A. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee Hour

- No action required—previously discussed

### B. Appreciative Inquiry Interviews: Sign-up sheet

- No action required—previously discussed

### C. Vestry Devotions: Sign-up sheet

- No action required—previously discussed

### D. Mission Moment January 5<sup>th</sup>: Vestry call for candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Diocesan Convention; Election Process

- No action required—previously discussed

### E. New Member Social January 19<sup>th</sup>

- Robyn will get the names of perspective attendees from the Colloquium held on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe will be contacted to see if the activity room at Mediterranean Manor has been reserved.
- Robyn will contact Vestry members and let them know what they need to bring.
- Everyone was reminded to help with clean up after the event is concluded.

### F. Annual Meeting—Theme ideas; focus for Rector's "State of the Parish"

- Shining Our Light and/or We are Family
- The two themes to be emphasized are "Shining Our Light" (in conjunction with the Stewardship theme) and the church as a family; it is more than the Pastor.
- Pastor Becky asked for input in what to accentuate in her remarks to the attendees.
- There was a general discussion held. The church family, strengths of the parish, missions and ministries, and community outreach were emphasized.
- A question was raised concerning Pastoral-Program size migration.
- It was consensus that this topic should not be a focus at the annual meeting.
- Pastor Becky reminded the members that there will not be a lot of time between the next Vestry meeting and the Annual Meeting to complete the planning.
- She also commented that the time between 2020 and 2021 will be unique in the life of the parish and emphasized the importance of the Vestry in keeping the "boat as stable as possible."
- Becky will send the Priest Job Description to the Vestry.

**G. Highlights of 2019**—Email to Becky by January 8, 2020

- Becky would like to get these as soon as possible.
- A member's highlights do not necessarily need to be tied to the ministries for which they are liaisons.

**H. Dunedin Counsel of Organizations (DCO) Participation**—Vestry member participation

- Pastor Becky gave background information on the DCO which included organizations and individuals who are members, meeting logistics and past and future programs.
- The DCO highlights events taking place in Dunedin.
- Pack a Sack will be in the spotlight for January, and the program will be the history of the Peace Walk.
- The meetings take place on the third Friday of each month and last for 90 minutes.
- Becky will be the Present in 2020.
- She would like one or more Vestry members to become involved with the DCO and encouraged participation.

**VII. Closing Devotions**

- The closing devotion was given by Robyn Harker

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Pat Cates  
Clerk