

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting July 25, 2018

Members Present: Dave Dube, Diane Niford, Sandy Kneen, Jerry Mullinax, Cheryl Sharpe, Dan Depies, Bill Blizzard, Jim Ratcliff, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Joe Nixon

### I. Call to Order, Introductions and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Cheryl Sharpe at 6:30PM.

### II. Opening Devotions and Spiritual Journey

- The opening devotion was given by Cheryl Sharpe

### III. Information

#### A. Mark Your Calendars

- **July 29:** Blessing of Backpacks
- **July 29:** Fifth Sunday coffee hour by Vestry
- **August 4:** Caladesi Memories @ 10:30AM
- **August 17:** Game Night at 6:30PM ??? Note: consensus to cancel
- **August 18:** Stewardship meeting at Day Spring.
- **September 2:** Deep Waters @ 12:00PM
- **September 9:** Welcome Back/Re-entry Pastor Becky after 10AM service
- **October 7:** Blessing of the Animals
- **October 12-13:** Diocesan Convention
- **October 15-17:** Discipleship Matters Conference
- **November 11:** Celebrating our Blessings
- **November 22:** Meals of Thanks/Thanksgiving Community Dinner

#### B. Financial Report

- Handouts #1A and #1B were received as information.
- Cheryl Sharpe gave the Financial Report
- Dave Dube reported on the status of the Furniture Thrift Shop. Handout #2.
- Dave explained the graph: the blue bars are the daily revenue, and the red line is the "per day break even point". This line was higher in January due to the payment made for truck insurance.
- The question was raised concerning the current half price sale and how long it will continue.
- There was a lengthy discussion on this question. It was pointed out that the store presently has a large inventory which needs to be moved. A number of ideas were presented by Vestry members.

- There was also a short discussion on the relationship between the Little Thrift Shop and the Furniture Thrift Shop.
- Dave addressed the resignation of the store manager and the hiring of a possible replacement.
- The store will be staffed with volunteers through the summer and the Furniture Thrift Store Board will address the manager issue in September.
- Dave reported that there are sufficient volunteers to staff the store at the present time

#### **IV. Decision**

##### **A. Consent Items**

- June 27, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes
- Motion to accept was made by Bill Blizzard; seconded by Dave Dube
- Approved.

#### **V. Planning**

##### **A. Goals—next steps**

- Cheryl Sharpe noted that all the teams have been actively working on their goals.
- Diane Niford reported on the pathway for visitors which will hopefully lead to their membership.
- This prompted a discussion on Realm. It was felt that Realm needs to be presented to the congregation.
- It was consensus that it would be helpful for the entire parish to be on Realm but is probably more realistic that the leadership of the church be familiar and use Realm.
- Dan Depies reported on the changes that have been made to the “2018 Vestry Milestone Calendar” Handout #3.

##### **B. Mission and Ministry Booklet**

- Bill Blizzard discussed the proposed “Mission and Ministry” booklet.
- Handout #4
- The Mission and Ministry booklet will be coordinated with the website.
- Bill noted that the changes to the current booklet are highlighted in red.
- He gave as an example “Engage” on page 2. He noted that for each of the categories there is a Vestry Liaison.
- For each mission and ministries under the categories the contact person’s email address and phone number will not be listed. Only the contact person’s name will be shown. This is to prevent this information from being available on the web.
- Bill went over the Vestry Liaison assignments.

- Parishioners who are interested in any of the areas will complete a form. The form will be available for online completion. A draft of this form is shown as Handout #4A.
- It has not been determined at this time if the form will go to Jan Cote or the Vestry Liaisons.

### **C. Website Update**

- Bill Blizzard reported that the Website Committee has met and will be meeting again in two weeks.
- At the conclusion of this meeting they are expected to be 90% complete with the website update.
- Bill will meet with Pastor Becky on August 29<sup>th</sup> to get to input and to get information from her.
- It is anticipated that the website will be completed in October and go online on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **D. Parish Profile Draft**

- Handout #5 “Narrative Questions” was given as information.
- This document will become the basis in calling a new priest following Becky’s retirement.
- Cheryl Sharpe asked the Vestry how they would prefer to proceed with compiling a draft document. Work in groups? Individually? It was consensus of the members to work individually and then meet to complete the document.
- Cheryl explained that the search for a transitional priest will take place while Pastor Becky is still the Rector and that during this period there could be an overlap of several months where there are two priests.
- She further explained that the Diocese does not traditionally employ a transitional priest; rather they rely on the assignment of an interim priest or a “priest in charge”.
- It will be proposed to the Diocese that the Vestry be allowed to explore options for formulating a planned transition without an interim period. The Diocese must approve this plan.
- There was a discussion on this issue which included the additional cost of a transitional priest and the timeline for completing the document. It was suggested that an additional meeting be held to complete the Parish Profile draft.
- It was consensus that the entire August meeting be devoted to the completion of the draft. Since there are few agenda items for the August meeting it was felt that the time could be better spent on the Parish Profile draft.

## **VI. Discussion**

### **A. Furniture Thrift Store Deed Update**

- Cheryl Sharpe met with Attorney London Bates. The previous owner, Han, has signed the deed, and it has been recorded.

### **B. Pastoral Care Update**

- Cheryl Sharpe noted that Isabella Mayberry passed away on July 15<sup>th</sup> and her funeral is for July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Palm Harbor United Methodist Church.
- Jerry Mullinax gave an update on parishioners Bob Stricker and Ralph Miller.
- There was an additional update on Joan Rodas.

### **C. Maintaining Connections**

- There was no discussion on this item.

### **D. Peace Park**

- Dan Depies briefly discussed Handout #6 “Communication Goal: Process for bridging the gap between the congregation and Vestry concerning projects”.
- Dan presented an update on the Peace Park Task Force, Handout #7
- He stated that the Task Force is looking at a five year plan for Peace Park which includes its use now; medium range use and long term use. The goal is to formulate a five year plan.
- Dan emphasized that no decision on the property has been made but rather the Task Force will be looking at different uses for the property and give the Vestry four to six options for its use. The Task Force will most likely have a recommendation at this time.
- Dan noted that the parish is generating income from the property. It relies on securing a number of volunteers. The agreement with Edgewater Arms is completed.
- It is not known at this point if the City of Dunedin will continue to pay the parking fee. The Task Force will meet with the City on this matter.
- While the goal is to look at the different options for the property the ultimate goal is to secure additional monies for the parish.
- A number of options have been explored but the Task Force is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. The Task Forces is looking at adding a builder/developer to the team for their input into use of the property.
- Through consensus the Vestry gave its approval for the Task Force to continue discussions on the property and to get input from a number of sources.

**VI. Closing Devotions**

- The closing devotion was given by Cheryl Sharpe.

**VII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Pat Cates  
Clerk