

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida
Minutes of the June Meeting
June 20, 2022 5:30PM
Zoom

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, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Dan Depies, Robin Megel, Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker, Mary Ratliff, Judy Warner, Caroline Maisel, Pat Cates

Absent: Rhiannon Sharp, London Bates

I. Call to Order

- Rev. Whitney Burton called the meeting to order at 5:35PM.

II. Opening Devotions

- The Opening Devotion was given by Mary Ratliff.

III. Information

A. Financial Report

- Handouts #1A and #1B
- Robin Megel reported that May was a good month financially for the parish.
- Contributions are down slightly, but this is being offset by revenues from the Parking Lot Team and facility usage.
- The operating cash at the end of May will be approximately \$62K.
- The parish will be good with cash until September when the second withdrawal will need to be made from the Endowment Fund.

- With a second withdrawal of \$33K the church will end the year with approximately \$20K in operating cash.
- The Vestry will need to consider another withdrawal from the Endowment Fund in January 2023.
- Operating cash as of today is \$69,237.
- Robin noted that volunteer hours are up based upon reports of the various committees.
- It is anticipated that these hours will rise as more reports are submitted.
- The negotiations with the City of Dunedin for their use of Peace Park are ongoing.
- Dan Depies reported that he will contact a representative from the City to begin looking at a possible increase in the monthly fee being paid.
- Negotiations would possibly raise the monthly fee to \$750 this year, \$1000 in 2023 and \$1250 in 2024, and Dan reported that these figures could possibly go higher.
- The parking at Peace Park by boat trailers is the only source of overflow parking and is needed by the City of Dunedin.

B. Vestry Liaison Reports

- Dan Depies reported that the Parking Lot Team is doing very well and has already collected \$16K for parking fees.
- The Episcopal Church Women are in the process of rebuilding and are now known as the Soul Sisters.
- Informative meetings are being planned.
- Currently there are 33 Soul Sisters.
- Donations are being given by the group such as a recent contribution to the Dunedin High School Cosmetology Department for licensing exams.
- They are shifting towards fellowship with a focus on spending more time together.
- A retreat is being planned for Lent 2023 at Day Spring.
- Mary Ann Wigmore is the new treasurer.
- The Furniture Thrift Store is doing very well.
- They have contributed \$6K in donations; \$3K to operating cash and \$2K to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- Dan brought the Vestry up to date on the purchase of the FTS, and there was a brief discussion on future plans for this ministry.

C. Furniture Thrift Store Truck Update

- Dan Depies reported that the FTS has purchased a 2015 truck with 140,000 miles on it. The truck has approximately 8 to 10 years of usable life remaining.
- There have been some minor issues in getting the truck registered, but it is anticipated that the registration will be completed soon.

- The truck should be operational this week.

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

- Handout #2
- Rev. Whitney reported that the parishioners are very positive of the wine returning to the Eucharist.
- There were no other comments or questions concerning the report.

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items—May Meeting minutes—approve

- Judy Warner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Mary Ratliff.
- Approved.

B. Audit

- After a brief discussion on the Audit Phil Beauchamp made a motion to approve the Audit as presented.
- Robin Megel offered the second
- Approved.
- It was noted that Joe Nixon will chair the Audit team next year.

V. Discussion

A. Property

- Robyn Harker reported that there was no meeting of Building and Grounds held this past month.
- She gave an update on the Rectory Exploration Team.
- The members are Robyn Harker, Dan Depies, Carolyn Hughes, Dan Smith, Dave Megel, Jim Ratliff and Judy Warner.
- Three meetings have been scheduled: July 11, August 1 and August 22.
- The July 11th meeting will include a tour of the Rectory.
- Blueprints for the Rectory will be located and Dan Smith may have a file on the residence when it was converted to a single-family residence.
- Garry Lumm will be invited to the August 1st meeting.
- Robyn reported that the Team would like to have their short and long range goals confirmed by mid-August.
- Rev. Whitney gave an update on the Lift.
- The Lift has been repaired and is running but there is a problem with the electronic mechanism for the doors.
- This issue will be addressed soon, and it is hopeful that the Lift will be operational within the month.

VI. Planning

A. Vestry Retreat Follow-up

- Rev. Whitney brought attention to the minutes of the March Vestry Retreat (Handout #3).
- A discussion was held to see where the Vestry would like to focus their attention from the items discussed at the retreat.
- A current parish directory is in the planning stages.
- A draft of the directory will be available this summer, and parishioners will be asked to verify their information.
- It is planned to have the directory completed by the fall.
- There was a short discussion on plans to have a photograph of each member in the directory.
- There was a lengthy discussion on Invite, Welcome and Connect.
- It was noted that Good Shepherd is a very welcoming church. How to be a more inviting church and how to connect people are more challenging.
- There is a need for more persons to be involved with Invite, Welcome and Connect.
- If a Vestry member is interested in serving or has a suggestion of someone to be on this committee they should contact Rev. Whitney or Mary Ratliff.
- Community and weekend events are taking place. An example given was the Blessing of the Animals service.
- There is a need for more Christian Formation opportunities to be offered to the parishioners.
- Deacon Cindy spoke of the Mourner's Path and gave information on this ministry and told of plans to have a class in the future.
- There was a lengthy discussion of fellowship opportunities for the congregation.
- Some of the past activities have been the Rib Fest, Shrimp Boil and Spaghetti Supper to benefit Dunedin Cares.
- It was suggested that the parish hold a church wide picnic around Pentecost.
- It was also pointed out that the Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 8, 2022.
- It was consensus to set a goal to have two or three big fellowship events this year.
- It was also noted that a leader for these activities needs to be named.
- Robyn Harker is the Vestry Liaison for "Enjoy" and a part of this ministry is the Special Events Team which is led by Cheryl Sharpe.
- Robyn also reported that she is gathering information so that the drum circle events may be offered.
- Rev. Whitney encouraged each committee to have a Succession Plan.

- This would include a person who could carry on the responsibilities of the committee should the chairperson be unavailable.
- This also provides leadership experience for members of the parish.

VII. Announcements

- The 4th Sunday recognizes a group of the parish during the Mission Moment.
- Dan Depies will be in charge of the recognition this Sunday.
- The 4th Sunday recognition in July will either be presented by Rhiannon Sharpe or Robyn Harker.
- The July Vestry meeting was discussed at the last Warden's meeting.
- The Wardens recommended that the July meeting date (July 18, 2022 Zoom) be scheduled with the option to cancel if the agenda is light.
- If the July meeting is cancelled the August meeting will take place as scheduled.
- Rev. Whitney noted that the Vestries in other parishes often take a month off.

VIII. Closing Devotions

- The closing devotion was given by Mary Ratliff

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Whitney at 7:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk