

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting May 24, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Bob Lee, Dave Dube, Cheryl Sharpe, Maureen Belote, Sandy Kneen, Jerry Mullinax, Dan Depies, Joe Nixon, Chris Schombs, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: None

Guests: Michelle Schombs, John Russotto (via phone)

### **I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions**

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky at 6:19PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by Dave Dube

### **II. Bible Study**

- Pastor Becky led the Bible Study from Ephesians 1:15-23.

### **III. Guest Presentation [from Discussion Agenda]**

#### **A. Shepherd's Village: New program for isolated seniors**

- Request for approval of application for diocesan grant
- Guest: Michelle Schombs and John Russotto (via phone)
- Handout #1 "Surveying the Meadow: A Christ-Centered Enrichment Program for Senior Adults".
- Michelle Schombs and John Russotto gave background information regarding their request for a grant from the diocese that will be geared to senior adults in the parish.
- The program is projected to meet one day a week for twelve weeks.
- The basis for the study will be the book "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado which focuses on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.
- Michelle and John propose that a number of senior persons in our parish who have previously been very active are experiencing losses in their lives and are drifting away from having a sense of meaning in their lives.
- John gave detailed background information including the work of Erikson and the eight stages of human development.
- "Surveying the Meadow" will start with 8 to 12 persons engaging in a study of the Lucado book and will meet for twelve weeks.
- The plan is to begin the program at Good Shepherd with hopes of expanding it to other churches and the community at a later time.
- Michelle and John asked for the Vestry to approve this program by June in order that the proposal may be submitted to the Diocese at Day Spring by the October deadline.

- Cindy Roehl explained why the name “Shepherd’s Village” was being used. While “Shepherd’s Village” was a term used with an afterschool program, the name does not limit itself to one type of program.
- Chris Schombs moved to take the request from the Discussion Agenda to the Decision Agenda. Joe Nixon seconded.
- Approved
- Chris Schombs moved for the grant as proposed by Michelle Schombs and John Russotto be approved. Sandy Kneen seconded.
- Approved.
- Pastor Becky informed the Vestry that some minor changes which do not affect the content of the grant will need to be made prior to presentation to the Diocese.

#### IV. Information

##### A. Mark Your Calendars

- **May 28:** Farewell/Retirement for Bob Shone @ 9 & 11:30
- **May 29:** Memorial Day Service @ 10:00AM
- **June 1:** New Member Colloquium @ 6:00PM
- **June 3 & 4:** Pentecost (wear RED) & New Member Welcome
- **June 7: Vestry Visioning and Goal Work @ 7:00PM**
- **June 10:** Building and Ground work day
- **June 18:** Youth from Roswell Presbyterian Church, GA visit
- **June 25:** Safeguarding God’s People Training @ 12:00PM
- **June 28: Vestry Meeting @ 6:15PM**
- **Sept. 9: Deanery Collaborative Event** at St. Pete College

##### B. Financial Report

- Joe Nixon reported on Handout #2A “Outreach, Ministry and Mission Report” and Handout #2b “Treasurer’s Report to the Vestry”
- Joe noted that contributions for 2017 have been below last year’s contributions during the same time period.
- There were no questions from the Vestry concerning the reports.

#### V. Decision

##### A. Consent Items

- April 26, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- It was noted that there was a minor numbering issue of headings on page 4.
- A motion to approve as noted was made by Cheryl Sharpe; seconded by Dave Dube.
- Approved

## **B. Fire System Panel Repair, Sprinkler Repair and Annual Services**

- Choose Vendor
- Handout #3 "Quote Comparisons"
- After a brief discussion of the three vendors Joe Nixon moved to approve the quote from United Fire Systems for fire panel repair, sprinkler repair and annual services. Seconded by Dan Depies
- Approved

## **VI. Planning**

### **A. Farewell/Retirement for Bob Shone May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 & 11:30**

- There will be a reception following each service.
- Frank Kneen and Cheryl Sharpe will coordinate refreshments.
- Members of the Vestry are asked to bring healthy snacks for the reception.
- This is a congregational event; the choir has already held a reception for Bob before the snowbird members of the choir left.

### **B. Selling pavers to finance Phase 3**

- Project Leaders and Timetable
- There is not a recommendation from Bob Lee and Joe Nixon as to leaders at this time.
- They will meet after the Vestry meeting to select leaders.
- It was the consensus of the Vestry to allow Bob and Joe to proceed with the selection of leaders.
- Once selected the leaders will coordinate with the Capital Projects Committee in the selection of pavers, engraving, safety issues, aesthetics, etc.

### **C. July 26 Vestry Meeting: Reschedule to 19<sup>th</sup>; cancel or "repurpose"?**

- Pastor Becky will be on vacation on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- It was the consensus of the group to reschedule the meeting for July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe Nixon and Cheryl Sharpe are not available on that date.
- A final decision of the July meeting date will be made at the next meeting.

## **VII. Discussion**

### **A. Mutual Ministry Review**

- Report from Canon Cooter
- Interface with 2017 goals
- Handout #4 "Mutual Ministry Review"
- There was a brief period of time for the members to examine the report.
- Pastor Becky asked that each member highlight any items from the report that should be incorporated into goals currently being

established by the Vestry. It is requested to bring these to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Visioning Meeting.

- It was the consensus of the Vestry that the report can it be shared with Margaret Bowman and the parish staff.
- It was also the consensus of the Vestry that a future meeting with Canon Cooter is not necessary.

#### **B. Overview of Appreciative Inquiry Interviews**

- Interface with 2017 goals
- Handout #5 “2017 Vestry Appreciative Inquiry Response Overview”
- The Vestry was given time to examine the document.
- Pastor Becky asked the Vestry to bring items from the document which may become part of the goal setting process to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Visioning Meeting.
- There was considerable discussion on a parish web-master.
- The discussion centered on the need to build a new website and to identify a content manager to maintain the new site.
- It was suggested that the construction of a new web-site be outsourced.
- It was also suggested that the content manager should be a member of the parish.
- The discussion on the web-site will continue at the next meeting and possible names for a web designer and content manager will be suggested.

#### **C. Furniture Thrift Store Purchase Discussion**

- Consequences of NOT purchasing
- There was considerable discussion on the next steps which need to be taken in the possible purchase of the Furniture Thrift Store.
- The discussion included parish support for the purchase, property appraisal, financing and sustainability.
- Each member was given an opportunity to speak through mutual invitation.
- The discussion was halted due to time restraints.
- Pastor Becky asked that each member arrive at 6:00PM on June 7<sup>th</sup> to finish the discussion prior to the scheduled Vestry Visioning meeting.
- Prior to the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, members of the Task Force will meet with Gus Robbins-Penniman to gather his thought on a possible purchase of the Furniture Thrift Shop.

#### **VIII. Closing Devotions**

- The closing devotion was given by Dave Dube

#### **IX. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates  
Clerk