

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida  
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting November 17, 2021  
6:00PM  
Patio Room

**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: Dan Depies**

**Deacon: Cindy Roehl**

**Treasurer: Joe Nixon**

**Clerk: C. Pat Cates**

**Class of 2022**

Phil Beauchamp

Robyn Harker

Tammi Wrest

**Class of 2023**

Dan Depies

London Bates

Judy Warner

**Class of 2024**

Robin Megel

Caroline Maisel

Rhiannon Sharpe

Absent: Phil Beauchamp, Robin Megel

Guests: None

**I. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Rev. Whitney at 6:01PM.

**II. Opening Devotions**

- The Opening Devotion was given by Tammi Wrest.

**III. Information**

**A. Financial Report**

- Handout #1A and #1B
- The balance of the Endowment Fund is \$1.808M
- There were no questions concerning the financial reports.
- 2022 Budget
- Handout #2
- Treasurer Joe Nixon, who normally meets with the Vestry to discuss the budget, was unable to attend this meeting and has requested that any questions which the Vestry has about the budget be emailed to him.

- Members are requested to email their questions to Rev. Whitney, and she will forward them to Joe.
- Rev. Whitney reviewed the highlights of the budget.
- The Offerings on page 1 will be entered following the work of the Stewardship Committee.
- On page 2 the Deacon expenses were noted.
- Page 3: The salary package of the Parish Administrator has not been finalized and for budgeting purposes a \$50K figure was inserted into the budget.
- There will be a 2% salary increase for Carey Cherivtch, Garry Lumm and Marcia Nauman.
- Tom Huffman has requested additional monies to hire a second paid singer.
- There is a request in the budget to hire a Worship Service Technician to live-stream the 10:00AM service.
- There is little change in the Building and Grounds budget requests from the previous year.
- On page 4 the Spiritual Formation budget was split into a budget for adults and another for children.
- The final budget will be approved at the December meeting.

#### **B. Vestry Liaison Report**

- There was no Vestry Liaison Report given.
- Robyn Harker will make a report at the December meeting.

#### **C. Stewardship Report**

- Judy Warner reported that the Stewardship campaign ended last Sunday.
- Congregational witnesses made excellent presentations.
- As of last Sunday, \$195,474 has been pledged by the congregation.
- Thirty households that pledged last year and who have not pledged this year will be contacted soon.
- Vestry members were encouraged to pledge if they have not already done so.
- Judy noted that there are households in the congregation who do not pledge but give regularly.
- The Stewardship Committee will complete their work soon.

#### **D. Personnel**

- Porcia Gawel has begun her duties as Parish Administrator.

#### **E. Rector's Report**

- Handout #3

- Rev. Whitney informed the Vestry that she will not go over the entire Rector's report in the interest of time.
- She will send out her reports early in case there are questions.
- The Community Thanksgiving service is tomorrow at First Presbyterian Dunedin at 6:30PM.
- There was a brief discussion about security at the evening Christmas services.
- The Vestry will look into security for the Blue Christmas service and the 9:00PM Christmas Eve service.

#### **IV. Decision**

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

- October Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- Robyn Harker made a motion to approve; second by Rhiannon Sharpe.
- Approved.
- Boy Scouts Chapter 11 filing
- Handout #4
- Rev. Whitney gave background and noted that the Church of the Good Shepherd has never sponsored a Boy Scout Troop.
- Barrett & Barrett, Attorneys, have recommended that the Vestry vote to accept the Plan of Reorganization as outlined in Option #1 on page 2 of the document.
- The decision of the Vestry has to be made by December 14, 2021.
- There was a brief discussion on the proposal.
- Robyn Harker made a motion to approve the recommendation from Barrett & Barrett. Second by Tammi Wrest.
- Approved.
- Deacon Cindy Roehl's Letter of Agreement
- Handout #5
- After a brief discussion Caroline Maisel moved to accept the Letter of Agreement with a second by London Bates.
- Approved.
- Check Signers
- Handout #6A
- Dan Depies moved to approve Robin Megel as a check signer with Judy Warner seconding.
- Approved.
- Handout #6B
- London Bates moved to approve Porcia Gawel as a check signer with Judy Warner providing the second.
- Approved.

#### **V. Discussion**

##### **A. Property**

- Dan Depies gave an update on the RV.
- Dan was in the process of obtaining an attorney when a member of the congregation purchased the RV from its owner.
- The RV will be made drivable so that it can be removed from the church property.
- The purchaser has a potential buyer for the RV, but the title will not be signed over until the RV is off the property.
- “No Campers Allowed” signs will be posted soon in Peace Park to discourage other individuals from parking their RVs and campers.

#### **B. YMCA Giving Tree Liaison**

- This is a project which has been led by a member who no longer attends Good Shepherd.
- Deacon Cindy will assume leadership on this project and will get written procedures from Rev. Whitney.

#### **C. Candidates for Vestry**

- There was a discussion pertaining to new Vestry members who will be elected at the Annual Meeting in 2022.
- Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker and Tammi Wrest are eligible to serve another term.
- Rev. Whitney will follow up with them to see if they plan to run for re-election in order that the Vestry can plan for the upcoming election.
- Potential vacancies in the Endowment Board were also briefly discussed.

### **VI. Planning**

#### **A. Vestry Retreat**

- There was a lengthy discussion on the Vestry retreat which will be held sometime in March.
- The Diocesan Retreat, previous retreats, topics to be discussed and a leader for the retreat were all discussed.
- The retreat will probably include a Friday night activity and a session on Saturday.
- Rev. Whitney will look at the calendar and send out potential retreat dates to the members.

### **VII. Announcements**

- Pat Cates has the December devotion.
- A Christmas Party will be held at the home of Dan Depies and Andrea Zahn on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.
- Vestry dinner gatherings will begin again in December.

### **VIII. Closing Devotions**

- The Closing Devotion was given by Tammi Wrest,

**IX. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Whitney at 7:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates  
Clerk