

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting September 25, 2019

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

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Members Absent: Deacon Cindy Roehl, Joe Nixon

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman at 6:30PM.

II. Opening Devotions and Spiritual Journey

- The opening devotion and spiritual journey were given by Pat Cates

III. Information

A. Mark Your Calendars

- **September 29: 5th Sunday Coffee Hour**
- **October 12: Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda**
- **October 13: New Member Colloquium @ 11:45AM**
- **October 16: Newcomer Wine & Cheese Social @ 5:30 to 6:30PM**
- **October 23: Vestry Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **October 27: Ministry Fair 9:00AM to 12:00PM**
- **November 21: Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Presbyterian @ 6:30PM**
- **November 28: COGS Meals of Thanksgiving Community Dinner**
- **December 15: Hanging of the Greens (11:30AM) and Carol Sing (4:00PM)**
- **December 29: 5th Sunday Coffee Hour**
- **February 9, 2020: Annual Parish Meeting**

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items

1. August 28, 2019 Regular minutes—approve
2. Fundraising requests (all recommended by Finance Team)
 - Fall Festival on South Lawn (Pumpkin Patch) to benefit Discretionary Fund October 18-20.
 - Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Dunedin Cares October 26
 - Quilters' Craft Sale to benefit Pack-a-Sack November 10 & 17
 - Quilters' Cookie Sale to benefit Pack-a-Sack December 7 & 8
3. Motion to approve by Cheryl Sharpe; seconded by Bill Blizzard
4. Approved

B. Decision

1. **Vestry Elections:** Adopt procedure and set timeline for 2020 elections
 - In the past the Vestry has adopted the questionnaire that prospective candidates must complete by the posted deadline.
 - During the annual meeting nominations are not accepted from the floor
 - Pastor Becky asked for input into the current questionnaire
 - It was suggested that the questions be numbered.
 - Beginning with this election, completed questionnaires must be submitted electronically.
 - A Mission Moment relative to upcoming Vestry elections will be presented at the January 5th worship services.
 - Pastor Becky will announce on Sunday January 12th and 19th the upcoming Vestry election.
 - The deadline for individuals to make a decision is Monday, January 20th.
 - The deadline for individuals to submit their statement of candidacy is Monday, January 20th.
 - Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9th.
 - According to the status of returning Vestry members there will be at least one opening.
 - The Vestry organizational and orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12th. The Vestry group photo will be taken at this meeting.
 - The Vestry Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 14th.
 - The dates of the Vestry Organization Meeting and Retreat will be included in the Vestry Questionnaire.
 - John Russotto made a motion to adopt the Vestry questionnaire as amended and that candidates will be required to complete and submit their questionnaire by Monday, January 20th. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Phil Beauchamp.
 - Approved

V. Discussion

- A. Coastal Charity Challenge**—October 26 from 9:00 to 1:30; build team of 4
 - Cheryl Sharpe reported that the Coastal Realty Company in cooperation with the Dunedin Council of Organizations is sponsoring the Coastal Charity Challenge and is seeking teams to compete.
 - The grand prize is \$10,000 to the winning team with other prizes totaling \$15,000.
 - The event is similar to a Scavenger Hunt in which the teams solve clues and perform designated challenges.
 - Challenges are non-athletic.

- The Vestry was overwhelmingly in support of participating.
- A team of four persons is required from the congregation.
- A number of possible participants were suggested.
- Cheryl asked for a Vestry member to take the lead in this event.
- It was noted that the Spaghetti Dinner at Good Shepherd is also the same date.
- Robyn Harker will call the suggested names
- If members are still needed an appeal will be made through the church newsletter.

B. First Time Guests and Offering—Guest card as offering, not money

- This is an idea that was discussed at the Stewardship Retreat
- Pastor Becky has presented the concept to the Finance Committee
- First time visitors will be encouraged to place their visitor cards in the offering plate rather than making a monetary gift.
- “This service will be our gift to you.”
- Through mutual invitation the idea was embraced and will begin with this Sunday’s worship services.
- There was also a brief discussion on a variety of welcoming gift ideas.

C. 2020 Elections—Identifying potential candidates for a VERY important year

- Pastor Becky emphasized the importance of the Vestry in the future of Good Shepherd.
- The next Vestry will be making the final determination of a new Rector.
- Perspective candidates must love the Church of Good Shepherd and believe in its future.
- Vestry members that know of someone who should run for election, they should be encouraged to do so.

VI. Planning

A. Invite+Welcome+Connect: Events now being planned by the Team

- Bill Blizzard reported that persons involved from Good Shepherd are enthusiastic with the process and are looking forward in earnest to its implementation at the parish.
- A follow up meeting is planned for this Friday at 12:00PM.

B. Vestry Voices & Vibes—November edition

- Bill Blizzard reported on the Vestry Voices & Vibes
- There have been a lot of positive compliments.
- There was a short discussion on the publication including items to insert, number of pages and the participation of Vestry members.
- Cheryl Sharpe will write an article for the November edition.

- In addition Bill asked each Vestry member to complete the following sentence: “I am thankful to have Good Shepherd as part of my life because...”
- Members were asked to have their completed statements to Bill by October 10th.

C. Ministry Fair on October 27th

- Cheryl Sharpe reported that all Vestry liaisons have been asked to contact their ministries to check on their table requirements.
- Table requirements should be reported to Carey Cherivtch and Cheryl for placement
- Each ministry who has a table is responsible for their own set up.
- There was a short discussion on follow-up with persons who wish to get involved with a ministry.
- In the past some persons who signed up for a ministry were never contacted after the Fair.
- Ministries will be encouraged to follow up with perspective ministry members.
- It will be helpful if those who sign up for a ministry are on REALM.

VII. Closing Devotions –

- The closing devotion was given by Pat Cates

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk