

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
August 16, 2020
Minutes of Vestry Meeting

Members present: Fr. Lance Robbins, Rev. Barbara Fornalik, Roch Whitman, Annie Bishop (via phone), Mary Kay Butera, Tom Wawizycki, Jill Daddis, Chris Nuccitelli, Pauline Stebbins, Art Mason, Ed Kushall, Cheri Mascitti, Pam Meyris, Dick Robinson, Kris Murray

Agenda

- * Opening Prayer
- * July Minutes
- * Finance Report
- * Facility updates: shed, chapel painting, other
- * Fund Raising/Capital Campaign update
- * Update on Deb Markowitz status
- * Re-opening Plan
 - livestream plan, progress
 - monitors at front of sanctuary
 - target re-opening date
 - critical needs for re-opening
- * Lance: Parish updates; guidance updates from Diocese (if any), other? Urgent needs?
- * New business - Jills idea for gift for the Arnolds
- * Closing prayer

Old Business:

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Jill D. moved to accept the minutes. Mary Kay B. seconded the motion. Motion voted on and past.

Finance report:

Dick R. reported that we have 2 CS's coming due on 8/19. We acquired these at a 3% interest rate. The CD's at this time do not have that high of interest so Dick would like to move them into the Money Market account until interest rates are more favorable.

We have 170,000 + available in cash. Our investment has increased to 126,000. Our mortgage has been paid off. A parishioner had bequeathed the church 70,000. Mortgage was paid and any remaining monies was deposited in the capital fund. PPP- Dick feels that this loan will be forgiven however at this time the process has been delayed.

When major funds come in they are deposited into the Capital Campaign Fund and then are moved into the Capital Fund for expenditures.

Our income to date exceeds that of last year. Expenditures to date are 187,000, last year at this time they were 198,600. We have a positive income of 187.00.

Ed K. moved that we accept the Finance Report. Cheri M. seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and past. Thank you for all of your hard work Dick R.

St. Andrew's Chapel is in the process of being painted and should be completed this week. The painters have scraped and painted the building and it is looking great.

No news on the moving of the shed.

Fund Raising: Chris is looking into online fund raising with the cookbook and T-shirt and sweatshirt sales. The cookbook has been sent to the publisher and will be here in time for the Fall Picnic and the opening of Good Shepherd.

Capital Campaign: Chris reports he started with 102,000. With Gifts in Kind and pledges the campaign has taken in 253,000. Gifts in Kind have been used for the office computer upgrade and for the live stream system. After Labor Day Chris will be contacting those who have filed out a pledge card and those who have pledged to the campaign with phones calls and hand written notes.

Stewardship: Jill mentioned that she will be reaching out for new members for the Stewardship committee. She needs more members to help with her committee. She will give an update at the September meeting. She is thinking that the Stewardship drive will not look the same as it has in years past due to Covid 19. May have to be remote and may need more time for donations.

Good Shepherd Office: Deb M. is back in the office as of 8/4/2020. She will be working 2 days a week, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Re-Opening Plan: All parishioners will receive the Good Shepherd opening plan in the mail. The vestry would tentatively like to re-open with a kick-off on October 11 at the Fall Picnic. The church should tentatively open on October 18. We are stating tentative dates because we are being cautious due to the opening of schools and colleges and how this could impact the numbers of new cases that pop up during this time.

Communication: The vestry discussed the publishing of the minutes to the meeting. The minutes will be added the newsletter and also will be posted in the Narthex.

New Business:

Jill D. moved to make a donation in thanks for all of the work that Jeff Arnold has done during the temporary closing of Good Shepherd to his daughter, Jennifer Baker, to be used for Jeff and Yvonne's new granddaughter. Mary Kay B. seconded. Motion voted on and past.

Jill D. made a motion to make a donation in thanks for all of the work that Chris N. has done during the temporary closing of Good Shepherd to his daughter, Alex as a gift for her upcoming wedding in October. Mary Kay B. seconded. Motion was voted on and past.

Parish Update: this is a report that Lance gives to the vestry regarding members who are ill, have had surgery or need support. Due to HIPA and confidentiality, this section of the minutes cannot be published.

Art Mason will be retiring in 2 weeks.

Lance is starting his 31st year at Good Shepherd.

Lance ended with a closing prayer.

Ed K. moved to adjourn the meeting. Kris M. seconded. Motion voted on and past.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris