

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Minutes of Vestry Meeting
July 12, 2021

Members present: Fr. Lance Robbins, Chris Nuccitelli, Pauline Stebbins. Diane Babcock, Jill Daddis, Ed Kushall, Cheri Mascitti, Art Mason, Pam Meyris, Kris Murrary, Roch Whitman, Dick Robinson

Members absent: Rev. Barbara Fornalik, Wayne Delperdange

Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- June Minutes
- Finance Reports
- Taco Dinner Outcome
- Approve Bastian Scholarship Guidelines
- Approve Finance Committee Description/Responsibilities
- St. Andrews Opening
- Live Singing (both Choir and Congregational)
- Stewardship Chairperson
- August Vestry Meeting?
- Lance Parish Updates
- Closing Prayer

Father Lance opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

The June meeting minutes were revised. Cheri M. moved we accept the minutes as revised. Jill seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Reports

Balance Sheet

Our current assets remain stable and about the same from last month. There is no report for PayPal on the current Balance sheet. We are not receiving any income from PayPal now. The Capital Campaign continues to grow. Dick has heard nothing from Key Bank regarding closing PPE loan.

Income and Expense

The report from our current incomes shows that we are ahead of where we were last year. This is the first time our expenses exceed our income. Not much has changed as far as our pledge income since coming back to church in person. Discussion followed regarding the

return of passing of the plate. The vestry decided not to return to passing the collection plate. We can start this back up in September if it is safe to do so. We will continue to have the plate available as the parishioners exit the church.

Roch moved that we accept the Finance Reports. Jill seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Taco Dinner

Richard Reid, from the Outreach committee, joined the meeting to report on the Taco Dinner. Richard reported that compared to the chicken dinners we used to have we did better with the taco dinner. There was a problem getting the tacos out in a timely manner. We need a quicker turn around for the start of serving. We served 200 meals and ran out of food before all were served. There was a traffic problem getting customers into the church parking lot. If we do this again there will have to be changes with the traffic hold ups. Some of the concerns/observations were:

- Too much traffic
- John Murray is willing to help with traffic problem
- 200 meals served
- We made a profit
- We ran out of food
- We did well with marketing,
- Our tips for the taco dinner were much higher than the chicken dinners
- Do we want to keep this vendor
- We now know how the tacos will be prepared and served
- Portion size was a concern – too small
- We have a great opportunity to introduce the Good Shepherd family
- Food truck rodeo in our future?

If we are to move forward with the dinners the Outreach committee will need to know 3 weeks in advance for advertising. Also the wholesale cost must be kept low to obtain a good profit.

Bastian Scholarship Guidelines

The new guidelines were reviewed. There were changes that the vestry agreed need to happen. The committee will re-write and we will review at a later meeting.

Finance Committee Responsibilities

The vestry thought this document was very well written. Pam M. moved to accept the document as presented. Cheri M. seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

New Business:

St. Andrews Opening

There was discussion regarding the opening of the chapel due to the pandemic. It was decided that we will open the chapel on July 25 with a 9:00 AM starting time. That will move the start of the Good Shepherd service to 11:00 AM. The vestry also decided that we

can starting singing at both Good Shepherd and St. Andrews immediately. An email will be sent out to the congregation announcing these changes.

Stewardship

We are in need of a Stewardship Chairperson. This position is open to all at Good Shepherd. We will make this opening known to all by way of the newsletter and in the church weekly update.

Kris and John Murray would like to replace the American flag in the sanctuary. Thank you, Kris and John.

There will be no vestry meeting in August. Our next meeting will be September 12.

Parish Updates

The GOP chicken BBQ can not be held on the church property. This is a church/state issue. The Diocese chancellor and the presiding Bishop reminded us that it cannot be done here so it has been cancelled at this location.

There were memorial services for Mary Murphy and Kathryn Lutterbein's daughter done here at Good Shepherd

Arnie L. is at RGH.

Barb F. is progressing well at Maplewood.

Nancy L. is home from rehab.

Jeanne W. is home, doing ok.

Father Lance ended the meeting in prayer

Submitted by Pamela Meyris