

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

Members present: Fr. Lance Robbins, Chris Nuccitelli, Pauline Stebbins, Jill Daddis, Ed Kushall, Cheri Mascitti, , Pam Meyris, Kris Murraray, Dick Robinson

Members absent: Rev. Barbara Fornalik, Diane Babcock, Wayne Delperdange, Art Mason, Roch Whitman

Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- July Minutes
- Finance Reports
- Review Masking & Distancing Rules for Congregation and Choirs
 - Other worship considerations (plate, communion, etc.)
- Stewardship Committee
- Building Maintenance
 - New AC Installed
 - Basement drainage repair
 - Classroom cleaning & mold remediation
- 2022 Fundraising
- New Business
- Lance Parish Updates
- Closing Prayer

The meeting started with prayers from Father Lance.

Old Business:

Please note there was no vestry meeting August.

The July minutes were reviewed. Chris N. moved we accept the minutes are received. Ed K. seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed.

Finance Report

The Income and Expense report was reviewed first. The reports showed that we have a positive income. We have had contributions come in using Paypal and the contributors have increased the contribution to cover any fees. All parishioners have been sent their contribution statements.

Finances are looking very positive at this time.

Pam moved we accept the report as received. Kris M. seconded the motion, motion voted on and passed.

Review of Mask use and Social Distancing

There was a discussion on masking and the decisions from the vestry was that when we are indoors all are to wear masks. Karyn has ordered singing masks for the choirs.

Social Distancing

There was a discussion regarding social distancing and it was decided that we will social distance as in the past. We will mark off the pews, making every other row available. When seated there should be distances maintained between families.

There will be no plate passing at this time. The collection plate will be available at the exit of the nave.

Stewardship

Ed Kushal has volunteered to be the Stewardship chairperson. Stewardship and pledging information will have to be distributed soon. The treasurer has to be part of the committee and involved in the process. The process and the plan should be made available to all of the vestry members. This will involve being informed of contact information. It has to be determined how we will do this. Also, the Budget process will have to begin before Pledge time. It was agreed upon that we need to be ready to roll out the Stewardship Campaign by the end of September. Pam Meyris volunteered to help the Stewardship committee with any clerical jobs that they may need help with.

Maintenance

The AC in the office area has been replaced.

The drainage problem at the bottom of the steps has been fixed. The drain was plugged causing flooding in the basement, mostly in the kitchen area. The drain has been unplugged.

Discussion followed regarding a consistent maintenance person to be available to the church at all times. Should we hire an actual property maintenance company? It was decided that we need to move forward to hire a sexton for the church. We have not had a person in this position for many years and this is the time to consider hiring one. Chris N. has volunteered to take on the position. This will be a paid position.

Classroom cleaning and mold remediation have taken place temporarily after the flood. The classrooms have been cleaned and a rug has been installed to replace the one that was destroyed from the water. Tom Y. will contact a company to get the cleaning and remediation of mold taken care of professionally. Sunday School will meet in the parish hall at this time.

2022 Fundraising

There will be no more tacos dinners. We will resume our dinner fundraising in the Spring.

Safe Church

Where are we with Safe Church? Pam has only received notice from Roch and Diane that they have completed Safe Church. There are many church members, besides the vestry, that need to do Safe Church. Debbie will contact them and remind them about it. The vestry should try to have it done by the October meeting.

Parish update

Lance is having surgery on Tuesday. Keisha is aware and will be able to cover for him if needed. He expects to be home on Wednesday.

There were memorial services for Leslie Hamerlin and Maggie Bastian last week and this week.

Wayne D. is at St. Mary's. His recovery is slowly coming along.

Alma Austin has had a mini stroke. Not home yet.

Barb is still at St. Ann's. Hoping to be moved to Cherry Ridge soon.

Janet M. is in remission and doing well.

Jeanne W. is expected to be at the picnic today.

Father Lance ended the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris