

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting April 27, 2016

Present: Charlie, Nancy, Joe, Carol, Pat L., Patty M., Katie, Elaine, Debbie, and Kathy (clerk)
Guest: Jo Meachem

After prayer and dinner, the meeting began at 6:50 p.m. Joe moved and Katie seconded acceptance of the agenda; motion carried. Joe moved and Debbie seconded acceptance of the March meeting minute; motion carried.

Jo Meachem spoke about our ministries and outreach to the community, sharing ideas for being more intentional and focused in growing awareness of and engagement with our ministries. Mention was made of the many ministries that parishioners shepherd individually as well as group efforts such as Food Pantry and School 54. Charlie has also been speaking with Sare about what help will be needed this summer with Eaton Reading Camp. There was general agreement on Jo's ideas and she will get things underway in the bulletin and elsewhere.

Note was made of the need to inform parishioners of the Buffalo Marathon coming through on Sunday morning, May 29.

Warden Report:

- a. Grounds/Maintenance: Charlie reported that all roof and gutter repairs are finished. The Property Committee will be meeting next week. Interior work is next. Grounds and gardens have been cleaned up and refreshed in a joint effort of Good Shepherd and Ascension. Additional gardening opportunities are forthcoming. Elaine mentioned the benefits of involving our children in gardening and we'll do that.
- b. Strawberry Festival – June 18, 3-6 p.m. Nancy reported. Debbie will do baskets; Heather will bring the hullers together. Accordion player will be here. Kid's activities were discussed. Note was made of the poor condition of the stairs to Jewett Hall and Charlie assured that repairs will be made in time. Last year's staffing shortages were noted and efforts needed to avoid this year. Ascension has been invited to join us for the Festival. Katie reminded us about organizing a family game night with both parishes.

Charlie reported that Jerre Feagin will be back with us Sunday, May 1. Cleaning of the rectory living floors has now been completed. The Bishop will be announcing the availability of grants due to a diocesan budget surplus. Charlie has already been involved in discussion with other urban churches about possible proposals.

Profile and Search. Carol reported that committee members have paired up to work on parts of the profile and are making good progress. There will be one service at 9:30 on May 22, with potluck, where committee members will sit with parishioners to ask focused questions. This activity should serve to wrap up the profile.

Old Business. Charlie reported that he has located the by-laws. Nancy will scan and circulate.

Financial Report. Pat circulated copies of the 2016 Parochial Report. Pat has also begun releasing a check detail report and there was consensus that this was useful information. Pledge and plate are slightly ahead of budget. An endowment withdrawal will likely be need when the roofing bill comes. Joe moved and Carol seconded to accept the financial report; motion carried.

Charlie will follow up with Jan and Jo to clarify bulletin and scheduling logistics.

Carol moved, Joe seconded, and meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Boone