

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting December 21, 2016

Present: Nancy Cich, Charlie Ohl, Elaine Richau, Carol Burns, Joe Spina, Katie Thomas, Patty Mertens, Pat LaLonde, Kathy Boone (clerk).

Excused: Debbie Wiesner

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:50 p.m. Carol moved, Joe seconded, and November minutes were approved unanimously. Joe moved, Katie seconded, and the meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Wardens Report

Search Update

Joint meeting with Ascension is set for January 15 to discuss how we are both moving forward. There will also be a wardens meeting on January 3 with the diocesan transition officer regarding options.

Continuation of Ann Markel as long-term supply

There was consensus to extend Ann's contract for another six months, with a 30-day notice provision.

Employee Update

Charlie announced that Janice Beam has given notice as parish administrator. Several volunteers will be stepping up to meet administrative needs. Jan's faithful service to the parish was acknowledged. Joe moved, Elaine seconded, and Christmas bonuses were unanimously approved for Jan and the music director.

Nominating Committee Update

Nancy reported on the nominees for all positions. There was review of the by-laws regarding procedures for disseminating ballots, as well by-law language regarding the date of the annual meeting. Discussion also took place regarding the manner of determining eligible voters. Patty will research this and also proper method for changing by-laws.

Financials, Full Share, and Endowment

Pat noted a negative cash balance this month but this was only because the check for the boiler needed to be written before the endowment transfer. Pat

has added an analysis of the endowment to the financials to enable clearer tracking of the capital fund portion of the endowment. She reported that Good Shepherd could afford 5 units for clergy.

This year's full share will be \$21,091, compared to \$25,981 last year. Pledges for next year are currently at \$88,546 from 36 pledging units. There will be follow-up with anticipated but as yet unreceived pledges.

Joe moved, Carol seconded, and full share was approved.

Joe moved, Katie seconded, and the financials were unanimously approved.

Property Report

Carol reported that work on the rectory, nursery, and children's chapel is complete. Work on the Francis Garden downspout will wait until spring. Bids will be solicited for painting the rectory exterior.

Old Business

There was further discussion of the offer from an anonymous donor to match funds for a capital campaign. Patty moved, Charlie seconded, and launch of said campaign in March 2017 was unanimously approved.

Support for Priscilla Project will be taken up again after Christmas. There was also discussion of status of our relationship with School 54. Charlie reported some difficulties in connecting with the school. He will follow up again in the new year.

New Business

Joe spoke to the need to have a person appointed to oversee Christmas decorations.

Next vestry meeting will be January 25, 2017.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:16 p.m. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and all approved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Boone