

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

## **Vestry Meeting July 27, 2016**

Present: Charlie, Nancy, Anne, Elaine, Joe, Carol, Pat, Katie, Debbie, Kathy  
Excused: Patty

Opening prayer was said at 6:35 p.m., followed by dinner.

The vestry meeting *per se* began at 7:05 p.m. Motion by Carol to accept the June minutes, second by Elaine, and motion carried.

Debbie moved, Katie seconded, to accept agenda and motion carried.

### Wardens Report

- a. Check signing authority has been revised with the bank. Authorized signers are wardens Charlie Ohl and Nancy Cich, the parish administrator Jan Beam, and Jo Meachem, a non-vestry member in the neighborhood. Carol moved to accept this membership through the end of 2016, Joe seconded, and motion carried.

There was continued discussion of whether a check signer should be a vestry member, an acknowledged best practice, vs. the convenience of having a signer in the vicinity of the church. Joe moved and Carol seconded that Jo be retained as a signer going forward in 2017, regardless of vestry membership. This motion was approved 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

It was clarified that although the supply priest does not have check signing authority, it is her decision to disburse funds from the rector's discretionary fund, with the parish administrator signing.

- b. Charlie reported that Jan Beam wanted to return to parish administrative services on a volunteer rather than a paid basis. This is official as of July 1. Pat will be researching Jan's request to still receive a stipend for insurance.
- c. Charlie reported that we will again host the City of Buffalo gun buy-back – August 20 this year.

Anne Markle First 26 days Update: Anne circulated a log of her activities.

There was discussion of whether the lawn should be watered in current drought conditions; consensus was that watering the gardens suffices.

Anne raised the topic of having a parish nurse. Katie will check with Josh about this. There will also be a bulletin announcement about upcoming parish nurse training in the diocese.

Office voice message will be updated.

Profile/Search Update: Profile committee met with Deacon Pete Dempsey-Sims, as Vicki Zust is on sabbatical. A request was made of the Bishop to allow Pete to continue as our liaison and the request was granted. We are hoping to connect with Ascension for a mutual search but this is not yet confirmed. Home inspection of the rectory will take place on August 3. When the profile is done, the search committee will be constituted.

Financials: We've been staying on budget. Endowment fund is doing well. Net proceeds from the Strawberry Festival were \$1284.00. Charlie noted the receipt of a generous donation. Elaine moved, Joe seconded, to accept the financials and motion carried.

New Business: Elaine moved that we do "Noisy Offering" again for School 54, Katie seconded, and motion carried. There was also consensus on Elaine's recommendation to support Compass House; she will circulate their list of household goods and other items needed.

Property concerns: The question of repairing the nursery (leftover storm damage) was raised; Charlie responded that the Property Committee is taking up that project in the near future. In addition, the front driveway needs to be sealed and the boiler will soon need to be readied for the season.

Joe moved, Carol seconded, to adjourn and motion carried. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Boone