

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting July 19, 2017

Present: Charlie Ohl, Jo Meachem, Zoe Kosten, Carol Burns, Joe Spina, Julia Mount, Pat Lalonde, Katie Thomas, Kathy Boone (clerk)

Excused: Patty Mertens

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:35 p.m. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and June minutes were approved unanimously, as was tonight's agenda.

Property Committee

Carol reported that the new hallway floors are now installed. Work is also in progress in the cottage, including electrical work, painting, a new dishwasher, and some plumbing improvements. Rental by August 15 or September 1 is the hope, at a rate of \$1500 month including utilities. There will be a blessing and a tour opportunity for the parish. Carol reported that the property manager has been doing a great job overall with the church's property.

Charlie reported a plumber's charge of approximately \$300 to remedy damage caused by AA's careless disposal of coffee grounds (for the second time). It was agreed that AA should be asked to reimburse this cost; Charlie will contact them.

Discussion/Vote on Offer/Hire for New Director of Music

Carol reported on the work of the music committee. Three candidates were interviewed and the committee's recommendation is to hire Patrick Davis, who is also our parish administrator. Zoe moved and Katie seconded to offer Patrick the position of Director of Music for an annual salary of \$16,000. The motion passed unanimously. The wardens will negotiate the contract with him, upon acceptance of offer.

Financials

Pat reported that both the investment fund and pledges are down slightly, but overall we are holding our own. Some Strawberry Festival expenses are still coming in but Pat is estimating proceeds of around \$1900.00. There was consensus that it was a very enjoyable event as well. Joe remarked that this

year's successful event showed that people do come through if we communicate effectively with the parish about what help is needed. The purpose of the Festival as community outreach was also underscored. There were special kudos for Katie's donation of entertainment and Pat's organization of the event.

Pat reported that we have received over \$65,000 in pledges for the capital campaign. We have met an initial matching gift and are close to meeting the second match. There is a third matching gift of \$5,000 that has become available. The average pledge is \$1395.00. Pat was recognized for her excellent work in managing the campaign.

Joe moved, Julia seconded, and the financials were unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Charlie reported on recent conversation with diocesan liaison Vicki Zust. Paperwork for our merger with Ascension is in process of finalization. The rector's position has been posted at seven (7) units, inclusive of a \$16,000 value assigned to rectory housing. Vicki will also be reaching out to prospective candidates. The posting will be up through August 22nd.

New Business

Katie shared a concern that was brought to her attention about a recent decision to not allow a wedding to take place at Good Shepherd. There was discussion of the situation and consensus to reach out to the people directly affected to find out from them what had happened.

Carol moved, Zoe seconded, and all approved adjournment. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Boone