

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

## **Joint Vestry and Search Committee Meeting March 22, 2017**

Present: Charlie Ohl, Jo Meachem, Zoe Kosten, Carol Burns, Joe Spina, Julia Mount, Pat Lalonde, Katie Thomas, Patty Mertens, Jennifer Coleman, Susan Woods, Marge Torrell, Kathy Boone (clerk of the vestry).

Excused: Debbie Wiesner, Bev Barry

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:35 p.m. Carol moved, Joe seconded, and February minutes were approved unanimously, as amended. Joe moved, Julia seconded, and the meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

### Discussion of Merger Opportunity with Ascension

Susan Woods led discussion of how the possibility of a merger with Ascension can be best discussed with the full congregation. This possibility has been discussed initially by the vestries of both congregations. These discussions have been productive and it is now time to explore the opportunity with the congregation at large.

There was consensus to have a single service at 9:30 a.m. followed by congregational meeting for this purpose.

## **Vestry Meeting**

### Property Committee Proposal

A proposal was presented regarding property management. Joe Spina moved, Zoe Koston seconded, and the engaging of Jennifer Coleman as property manager was unanimously approved. Katie moved, Julia seconded, and the renting of the sexton's cottage at fair market value was unanimously approved.

### Financials

Pat spoke about the capital campaign and said a CGS member has offered to do a match up to 30K. There was discussion of coming up with names and contacts of people who might be interested in participating above and beyond current members of the church.

The endowment fund is now the investment fund.  
We are set up with Amazon Smile and Papal Accounts to accept donations.  
Joe Spina moved to accept the financials, Carol Burns seconded, and financials were unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

Joe Spina, Bev Mileham and Joan Brady sent out handwritten notes to touch base with members of the congregation.

#### New Business

Joe Spina moved to accept ½ the Easter Plate be given to Vive' Services, Carol Burns seconded and was unanimously approved.

Suggestion was made for Vicki Zust to attend our Vestry Meeting in May.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m. Patty Mertens moved, ? seconded, and all approved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Boone and Charlie Ohl