

# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

## **Vestry Meeting**

May 17, 2017

Present: Charlie Ohl, Jo Meachem, Zoe Koston, Carol Burns, Joe Spina, Katie Thomas, Patty Mertens, Pat Lalonde, Nancy Cich (substituting for clerk of the vestry).

Excused: Julia Mount, Kathy Boone (clerk of the vestry).

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:42 p.m. April minutes are amended to correct seconding of March Financials by Julia not Julie. An electronic ballot unanimously approved an adjustment to the Rev. Ann Markle's housing allowance. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and the meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

### Discussion of Merger Opportunity with Ascension . . .

Carol compiled results from table conversations of 4/23/2017. Carol presented ideas for blended services proposed by Susan Woods. Charlie discussed involving all parties in discussions about types and times of services. There was further discussion about services and the need to bring Ascension people in.

Katie moved that Good Shepherd merge with Ascension per results of the April 23, 2017 meeting. Carol seconded. Unanimously approved. Agreed to arrange a blended service on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A committee will work on the content of the service.

Patrick Davis was hired on 5/17/17 to be parish administrator for 10 hours per week. He has experience in this position and is an organist as well. Will work on updating the parish calendar on the web site.

Reviewed a revised budget with figures that include Ascension's pledge and plate. Clergy compensation and the number of units the parish will require was also discussed. Patty moved to table the decision regarding the number of units we will advertise for. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### Safe Church Training

Charlie will send an email with directions for taking the training online.

### Financials

Pat answered a few questions about the revised budget. Joe moved to accept the financial statements. Zoe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### Property Committee Proposal

Sexton cottage is empty. Getting revised prices for drain in St. Francis garden. Discussion of combining buying power with other parishes. Property Committee will be meeting again at the end of June.

### Old Business

Jo Meachem has renewed contact with School 54. They need some people to help out with their Flag Day celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be yard games on GS property. Jo will put out a call for volunteers. Jo also discussed other opportunities for working with the school including a noisy offering to be done during the month of July.

### New Business

Strawberry Festival – Katie has arranged for a banjo band from 3:30 – 5:30. Looking for a face painter and possibly other entertainment. Advertising plans are underway.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:15pm and Joe moved, Carol seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cich