

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
**November 15, 2017**

Vestry Present: Charlie Ohl, Carol Burns, Julia Mount, Jo Meachem, Joe Spina, Kathy Boone (clerk), Pat Lalonde, Dennis Byczynski, Tom Zimpfer, Patty Mertens, Kathy Toth, Katie Thomas  
Excused: Jo Meachem, Zoe Koston

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:37 p.m. Carol moved, Joe seconded, and the agenda and October minutes were unanimously accepted.

Wardens Report

Charlie reported that Ann Markle has accepted a position at Trinity, Lancaster, and her last Sunday here will be December 10. Charlie has been in touch with Vicki Zust regarding supply priests; Joe Kozlowski will serve; exact start date TBA.

Charlie also announced that the Nominating Committee needs to begin its work to identify candidates for next year (two vestry members and one warden).

Banners are being produced to heighten our community profile.

Search Update

Carol reported that the OTM and profile have been updated and posted.

There was discussion of whether the number of services and our music ministry should be clarified as we re-embark on the search, or maintain this as a matter for the new rector's participation.

Financials

Pat noted that the financials are as of Nov. 8, not Oct. 31. Capital campaign is doing very well and Pat is confident that we will reach our goal of \$100,000, given how close we are and matching gift commitments yet to be received. Capital campaign income and expenses were discussed.

Church of the Good Shepherd mugs have been acquired and will be sold for general fundraising.

Pat will start working on the 2018 budget. Charlie recommended basing the budget on supply for three services through Lent, then assume a full-time rector.

Carol moved that there be a single (consolidated Good Shepherd-Ascension) budget from December 11 onward, Joe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pat announced that the diocese has calculated our full share as \$17,608, defined as 13% of a congregation's net disposable income. Katie moved, Carol seconded, and it was unanimously approved to pay the full share amount.

Patty moved, Kathy T. seconded, and year-to-date financials were unanimously approved.

### Property Committee

Outdoor repairs (painting, masonry, repointing, etc.) are nearly complete.

### Old Business

The question of December 24 services was re-visited. Patty moved, Katie seconded, and it was unanimously approved that there will be 4:30 and 10 p.m. services for Christmas Eve, no morning service on Dec. 24, and a Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m.

Pat recommended and it was agreed to place an ad in the Buffalo News announcing Christmas service times.

There was additional discussion regarding the Greening of the Church, which will need to take place on Advent 3 (Dec. 17) after the 12:30 p.m. service.

### New Business

Bonnie Orffeo phoned in to discuss the Pet Food Pantry. She discussed naming the Pantry for Deacon Pete Dempesy-Sims. It was also clarified that while there had been discussion of relocating the pantry area, no decision had been made. Partitioning the area for overall cosmetic reasons may be a good option. Anyone from the Pet Food Pantry is welcome to join the Property Committee. Charlie clarified that no decisions affecting the Pantry will be made without Pantry input.

Dennis further reported on the incorporation status, in progress, of the Pet Food Pantry and the desire to have a plaque to memorialize Pete.

Potential recipients of this year's Christmas Gift were discussed. Pat will send a list of recipients for the past few years, additional ideas are sought, and a decision could be made electronically.

Kathy B. reported that she will no longer send Dash's tapes to Canine Helpers because she has not seen up-to-date information from them for some time. There was discussion of alternative recipients and it was agreed to re-direct the tapes to the Parkside Community Association.

Katie reported on something she'd heard from another parish about hosting community dinners on Saturdays in collaboration with other parishes. Charlie noted that we would need to have our kitchen vented if we are going to cook on the premises.

Carol brought up the need for a donor recognition policy for significant donations to the church. There was a brief discussion of plaques or other suitable recognitions. It was agreed to think about this further and discuss at next meeting.

Joe moved, Patty seconded, and all approved adjournment at 8:17 p.m. The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Boone