

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting September 20, 2017

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

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:35 p.m. Joe moved, Patty seconded, and the July minutes were unanimously accepted as amended. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and the agenda was unanimously accepted.

Warden Updates

The merger process with Ascension continues at the diocesan level. Charlie reported that there is no longer a possibility of the windows being sold. There may be a buyer for the organ but if that sale does not transpire, the organ will remain on the property.

Diocesan convention will be Oct. 27-28. Charlie Ohl, Katie Thomas, and Julie Spina are our delegates.

Financials

Pat reported that pledge and plate are slightly low but this is not unusual. The Strawberry Festival netted \$1766.00. Generous donations of entertainment contributed to this good outcome.

Capital campaign currently stands at \$95,475. Pat reported that additional donors are likely. Verbiage will also be put on the Good Shepherd website as an appeal to the Parkside community. It was noted that it would be wise to curtail solicitation for the campaign before stewardship season so as not to have overlapping asks.

Patty has researched parish records of endowments vs. bequests. She clarified that endowments are donor-specified; bequests are typically acquired from estates and go into the operating fund. We have approximately \$214,000 that are truly endowment and the rest is bequests. We can continue to invest all these funds in the same way but we need to distinguish between bequests and endowments and establish a policy for expenditure of bequested funds. Endowment funds are typically not touched.

Joe moved that Pat, Patty, and Julia constitute a committee to draft a policy. Patty amended the motion to instead constitute a Finance/Investment Committee (members unspecified). Carol seconded and the motion as amended passed unanimously.

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Search Updates

Carol reported that there are six good candidates for rector. Video interviews are scheduled in late September and early October.

Property Update

Carol provided written reports on completed and upcoming projects and cottage status. She also reported that the sexton's cottage has just been rented, effective October 1. The tenant also has an interest in renting office space in Jewett Hall.

There was discussion of the Buffalo Girl Choir's use of Good Shepherd space and whether they should begin paying rent.

Joe inquired about the status of painting of the rectory, which had been slated for July. Follow up with the painter is needed.

Old Business

More specifics were requested on the situation described vaguely in the July minutes under New Business. Clarification was given and the wardens will now follow up on decision-making about sacramental services administered outside Sunday worship.

Joe moved, Carol seconded, and all approved adjournment at 7:55 p.m. The meeting closed with prayer.