

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

**Vestry Meeting  
May 25, 2016**

Present: Charlie, Nancy, Joe, Carol, Pat L, Patty M., Elaine, Debbie and Gloria  
(Assistant Clerk)  
Absent: Katie

After prayer and dinner, the meeting began at 7:00 PM Carol moved and Elaine seconded acceptance of the agenda; motion carried. Joe moved and Debbie seconded acceptance of the April meeting minutes; motion carried

Warden Report:

- a) Long Term Supply Priest: Charlie reported he received an e mail from Vicki Zust. Jerre Feagin is not here for the long haul, and she is looking for alternative supply priests. Jerre will be here this coming Sunday and then is gone for two weeks. Charlie Deacon will cover Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Tom Tripp will be here on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Jerre will return for the last two Sundays of June and will be gone most of July. Reverend Ann Markle is just finishing up as interim priest-in charge at St. Peters Eggertsville, is available July 1<sup>st</sup> and is willing to do a Memo of Understanding as interim part time priest for a six month time period. The Memo of Understanding would spell out whether we will contract for three or four units of her time. Vicki's e mail indicated 3 units would give us Sunday morning, 4 hours of pastoral care and 4 hours of office time and administration per week. The cost of these units would be \$558 for one unit, \$1674 for three units and \$2232 for four units per month. Nancy explained each unit represents 4 hours of time. Nancy, Charlie and Ann will meet next week to discuss and determine if four units are needed and what we will get for the units. Discussion then ensued. Pat L. questioned whether we could afford four units. A question was raised about whether we could modify the units tasks as needed, and Joe commented that the units are probably set by the diocese and could not be manipulated. Patty M. suggested we start with three units and see if we need more. Carol stated it is important we have the same person during this interim period, and Elaine commented the interim would help us to prepare for a new priest. Nancy and Charlie will need to meet with Vicki once they have met with Ann to review and modify the contract as necessary. Elaine moved that the vestry authorize the wardens to pursue a Memo of Understanding with Ann as interim rector beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> or until Good Shepherd calls a new rector and to negotiate the necessary number of units of her time (either three or four) and when the agreement is drawn up it will be brought to the vestry for it's approval. Joe seconded the motion and called for further discussion. Carol wants to go on record as favoring four units rather than three. Vicki's e mail suggests that the Memo should also be renewable after the six months by

mutual consent based on where we are in the search process. Pat L. indicated if necessary to meet the July 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe that the vestry vote electronically. After discussion, Elaine's motion was approved. Vicki's e mail to Charlie also indicated Ann will also be taking care of Ascension's needs this summer. Pat L. expressed appreciation for all of the work being done by our wardens.

- b) Strawberry Festival - June 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 6 PM. Nancy reported. Debbie has five baskets so far, Heather L will supervise the hullers, Nancy will pick up the berries, Elaine and Charlie are responsible for tents and overseeing the games is still open. Publicity includes our website, the diocesan website and the Parkside Association. Other possibilities include TV coverage, newspaper articles, getting on Pete Savage's calendar and contacting Brian Higgins and Byron Brown. The firemen will again be coming this year. Joe commented that the biggest problem we have with the festival is the shortage of people to work the event. Tom Zemphi from Ascension will be asking his congregation to assist us at the festival. Nick Marsulo, the new warden at Ascension has indicated he might be able to get some farm animals. Patty M. suggested we have separate tables for raffle ticket sales and that the raffle tickets be a different color from the food tickets. Joe requested that all vestry members sign up for jobs tonight before leaving the building.

Profile and Search: The Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> service had 36 people in attendance and 33 stayed for the profile discussions. Janice Barber sent a letter since she was unable to attend the discussion. Carol will be calling a meeting to review notes from the discussions.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

Financial Report: Pat distributed a Check Details Report for April. Joe commented he did not see a need to this report. After discussion Joe indicated he stands corrected, Our financials are showing us to be a little ahead of budget with both plate and pledges. The roof repair money from insurance was set aside last year and Pat will be drawing a check shortly to pay for the repair. Patty M. moved and Debbie seconded to accept the financial report, and the motion carried.

Carol moved, Patty M seconded, and meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Longo .

