

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting January 25, 2017

Present: Nancy Cich, Charlie Ohl, Elaine Richau, Carol Burns, Joe Spina, Katie Thomas, Pat Lalonde, Jo Meachem, Debbie Wiesner, Zoe Koston, Julia Mount. Excused: Patty Mertens, Kathy Boone

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:40 p.m. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and December minutes were approved unanimously. Joe moved, Elaine seconded, and the meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Wardens Report

Welcome New Vestry/Good Luck Outgoing

Welcome extended to Julia Mount and Zoe Koston to the vestry and to Jo Meachem the new warden. Farewells and thanks to Elaine Richau, Debbie Wiesner and Nancy Cich.

Search Update

Joint meeting with Ascension on 1/15/17 was a little shorter than anticipated. Next meeting is 2/1/17. Regardless of the outcome of the next meeting with Ascension, our search committee will be moving forward with the search process. Vicki Zust and Pete Dempsey-Sims will be invited to the next vestry meeting which is rescheduled for 2/15/17 for an updated.

Employee Update

Jan Beam is staying on to complete year end statements. Charlie will reach out to the diocese for some options regarding a new parish administrator.

Building Security

Charlie reported on a break in at Jewett Hall. Doesn't appear that anything of value was taken. Doors and locks were broken. A CD player was taken from Mears Hall. Police report has been filed. Charlie will talk to the insurance company with regard to replacing locks and repairing doors. Joe moved that we donate up to \$100 to Festival School of Ballet for replacement of CD player. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed.

Financials – Pat Lalonde

Financials include comparison to budget. Pledge and plate was down following the departure of the rector. Money was saved because of not paying a full-time rector. We were very close to budget. We still have \$2800 in restricted capital funds.

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Pat suggested that regular monthly expenditures might not need to be approved every month, but be approved annually. Suggestion was tabled until next meeting after consulting with Patty Mertens.

Pat presented 2017 budget for approval. Budget is set up for a half time rector for 10 months. Budget also assumes one fundraiser dinner to be held. Discussion and questions ensued. Joe moved to accept the financials and budget. Seconded by Julia. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Erie Deanery

Katie reported on meetings with other parishes within the Central Erie Deanery for the purpose of pursuing joint projects. Meetings are held at St. Andrews. Next meeting will be held after Easter. All parishioners are welcome. We will solicit volunteers in the bulletin.

Property Report

Carol reported that rectory is coming along. Floors and kitchen have been cleaned. Some painting has been done. Thanks to Jennifer Coleman. Floors will be resealed. In the spring, we will get bids for exterior painting and repair.

Old Business

A capital campaign was approved to begin in March of 2017. There was discussion of a goal to be set for the campaign and a need for a committee and a chairperson to run the campaign. Pat Lalonde will chair. Zoe will serve on the committee.

Charlie heard from the social worker at School 54 regarding our ministry with the school. Student of the month breakfasts are no longer being done. Jo Meachem will coordinate with the school for possible participation in a popcorn rally instead.

New Business

Joe spoke about a need for a more active Stewardship Committee and a Hospitality Committee. Joe will speak to Bev Barry about working with him on hospitality. Carol offered to chair the next Stewardship Committee.

Pat will complete a form that will authorize the wardens to initiate activities on the investment account and give investment instructions to Morgan Stanley. Pat will find out if the treasurer and wardens need to be bonded.

Next meeting will be 2/15/2017. Going forward, vestry meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month. Members approved.

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Meeting closed with prayer at 8:18 p.m. Joe moved, Carol seconded, and all approved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cich (subbing for Kathy Boone)