

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

Members present: Lance Robbins, Kathy Stokes, Tom Yourch, Kris Murray, Mary Randall, Carol Wawrzycki, Brenda Pierce, Tom Nairn, Bruce Dunn, Treasurer, , Pam Meyris, Clerk

Members absent:

Annie Bishop

John Trompeter

Dick Robinson, Finance Committee

Barbara Fornalik – Deacon Emeritus

Agenda

1. Opening prayer
2. Old business
 - a. Approval of March minutes
3. Financial report
4. Sexton's Report
5. Upcoming Diocesan events
 - a. East Convocation meeting – May 8
 - b. Creation Care event – May 10
6. New business
 - a. Pentecost planning — Wear Red!
 - b. Fellowship and fundraising ideas
7. Other
8. Closing prayer

The vestry meeting opened with a prayer by Father Lance.

Old Business

The minutes of the March meeting were changed as follows:

KnockBox to KnoxBox

Roch was present at the meeting

Kris M. moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Brenda P. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report

Bruce gave an update on his previous retirement announcement. He will be staying on as the church treasurer until February 28, 2026. He will be able to close out 2025 and stay for the Annual Meeting. This is great news for the vestry and Good Shepherd. Thank you, Bruce.

Income and Expense Report

The church received \$12,000.00 more than was spent. Salaries were adjusted to reflect the salary raises. There were no unusual or unexpected expenses to report. Year to Date we have received 38% of monies pledged. Bruce suggests that the Stewardship committee should start keeping the congregation engaged in continuing the give through the summer. By speaking directly to Spectrum Bruce has been able to reduce this expense from 397.00 to 251.00 by dropping 1 phone and cable. Lance will compose the necessary email to Spectrum to formally request the change. The KnoxBox purchase came from the Capital Campaign.

Balance Sheet

The Diocesan Investment account for the month was- \$10,000.00, Year to Date - \$3,000. Our current assets are 568,641.74.

Mary R. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Tom N. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Sexton Report

The paperwork from the Colonial Fire Protection Systems, Inc. was reviewed. This document is a contract for the price of quarterly inspection and testing of the automatic fire sprinkler system. Mary R. moved to accept the contract. Tom N. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

New Business

There is an upcoming event presented by the Diocese called the Creation Care event. It will take place on May 10. Kris M. and Carol W. have volunteered to attend.

June 8- the vestry will host the coffee hour that day. It has been suggested that will be a “Wear Red” theme. Red shirts, etc. can be purchased at the church’s online store. More planning to be discussed at the May meeting.

Fellowship and Fundraising

Ideas were discussed of ways and places to bring Good Shepherd “to the public”. Parades, food trucks, Gay Pride Fest. were all mentioned.

Open discussion

Sky is doing well after surgery. Her recovery is going as expected.

Kris M. will research the cost of putting information about Good Shepherd in the Pennysaver. There is a separate page in the paper for services, etc. for churches.

Tom N. will reach out to Tom Curtin regarding media visibility and the Marketing Committee.

The meeting ended in prayer said by Father Lance.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris, Vestry Clerk