

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting

Date: February 18, 2025

Members present: Lance Robbins, Kathy Stokes, John Trompeter, Tom Yourch, Kris Murray, Mary Randall, Brenda Pierce, Tom Nairn, Carol Wawrzycki, Bruce Dunn, Treasurer, Dick Robinson, Finance Committee, Pam Meyris, Treasurer

Members absent:

Barbara Fornalik – Deacon Emeritus

Dick Laidlaw

Annie Bishop

Agenda

During Potluck meal:

1. Opening prayer and blessing for the meal – Fr. Lance
2. Old business – John
 - a. Approval of minutes for special budget meetings in December and January
 - b. January financial report – Bruce
3. Personal introductions – Kathy
4. Confirmation of meeting times – Kathy
5. Vestry Liaisons – Kathy

Break and movement to meeting room

6. Constitution and Bylaws handout – Kathy
7. Safe Church training – Kathy
8. Understanding financial reports – Dick Robinson
9. Sexton report on upcoming projects – John
10. Fire Department key for the building – Kris
11. Proposal from Stitchers
12. Planned giving – Roch
13. Mission statement
 - a. We are here to be God's hands in the world. We welcome all people to share God's love and grace in our community and at the Lord's table.
14. Closing prayer

The meeting opened with prayer by Father Lance as a blessing for the pot blessing meal.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Discussion followed. John T. moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brenda seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

The new and old members introduced themselves to each other by sharing what brought them to Good Shepherd. Many shared a bit about their families too.

Kathy S. asked the members if holding the vestry meetings on the Third Tuesday of the month was still ok with everyone and all were in agreement.

The document stating the vestry liaisons was passed out and reviewed by the members. Bruce recommended that the vestry vote on non-Vestry members could be liaisons to our ministries. Kris

moved that non-Vestry members can be liaisons to ministries. Kathy seconded.

Discussion followed. The motion was voted on and passed. It was suggested by Dick R. that the following ministries need to be added to the list: Columbarium -Lance, Memorial Committee – Lance, Finance Committee- Tom N., Outreach-John T. Kathy will make changes on the list and distribute it to the members.

Finance Report

The vestry was given a copy of the January reports: Balance Sheet, Finance Report and an informational letter from CNB.

The Balance Sheet is a summary of our assets and liabilities. The Finance Report is a monthly summary of the church's income and expenses. Our operating expense is a summary of bill paying, etc. Our fixed assets report is in the process of being updated (organ, stained glass windows, etc.)

Utilities: why are we paying so much for water in the winter? Tom Y. explained that there are 2 accounts for water, one domestic and 1 for the sprinkler system. There was a very small leak in the sprinkler system, and it has been repaired.

Discussion followed the report. Tom N. moved we accept the Finance Report as presented. Tom Y. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed with much thanks to Bruce and Dick.

The sexton report was presented and reviewed. Discussion followed.

During fire alarms the fire department must come to Good Shepherd to make sure there is no working fire on the premises. The church will need an updated Fire Cell Monitoring device.

Planned Giving

Roch is bringing a request to the vestry that Dick L. had started last year regarding a presentation on Planned Giving. We have a parishioner, Serina Compettello, who does these for her company. She would present the concept and what resources are available to anyone who is interested. Discussion followed. This would be a good idea that could be presented at Good Shepherd in the late spring.

Mission Statement

Are we comfortable with our existing Mission Statement? Discussion followed. The vestry would like to get back this at the March meeting.

New Business

Pam Meyris presented a proposal to the vestry to disburse some of the memorial money from Janet Maier. There were members of the Stitchers who came together to discuss how this would be done. The proposal would be to disperse the fund as follows: \$500.00 scholarship to Wayne Central HS, Janet's alma mater, \$500.00 SewGreen Internship Program, \$500.00 Rochester Regional Hospital, Oncology Unit, where Janet was cared for, \$ Itty Bitty Baby Brigade, for materials need for on incubator cover project, \$500.00, Webster Comfort Care Total \$2500.00 leaving 1500.00 remaining in the fund.

Kris M. moved to accept the proposal as presented. John T. seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was voted on passed.

The next Vestry meeting will be March 18th at 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd.

Father Lance ended the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Pam Meyris, Vestry clerk