

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida
Minutes of the May Meeting
May 16, 2022 5:30PM
Patio Room

Our Mission and Vision

We will

- Aspire to live in a world where all creation thrives in God's love,
- Seek to become who God created us to be by worshipping joyfully, respecting all, sharing generously and nurturing every spirit.

Rector: The Rev. Whitney Burton

Senior Warden: Phil Beauchamp

Junior Warden: Robyn Harker

Deacon: Cindy Roehl

Treasurer: Robin Megel

Clerk: C. Pat Cates

Class of 2023

Dan Depies

London Bates

Judy Warner

Class of 2024

Robin Megel

Caroline Maisel

Rhiannon Sharpe

Class of 2025

Phil Beauchamp

Robyn Harker

Mary Ratliff

Present: Dan Depies, London Bates, Robin Megel, Rhiannon Sharpe, Phil Beauchamp, Robyn Harker, Mary Ratliff, Pat Cates

Absent: Deacon Cindy Roehl, Caroline Maisel, Judy Warner

Guests: Chris Schombs, Dave Dube, Ken Tomlinson, Pat Brinsko, Frank Kneen, Sandy Kneen

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Rev. Whitney at 5:30PM.

II. Opening Devotions

- The Opening Devotion was given by London Bates.

III. Information

A. Furniture Thrift Store Presentation

- Handout #1
- Dave Dube responded to questions that have been raised concerning the purchase of a truck by the FTS.
- It is anticipated that the truck will provide service for 6 to 8 years.

- The FTS will cover the Diocesan Tithe which will be due in 2024.
- Expenses for the truck, including gas, repairs and maintenance, have not been factored into this year's budget. Based upon revenue projections, the FTS Board does not feel that these expenses will pose a problem. Additionally, they are looking at a diesel vehicle which will offer better mileage and less repair expenses than a traditional gasoline powered vehicle.
- Any vehicle purchased will go through a thorough vetting process.
- The new truck will emphasize safety with three seats in the front, each with a seatbelt.
- The FTS is hoping to find a vehicle within the \$20K to \$25K price range. The proposal caps the maximum at \$25K.
- In the event a quick sale is needed, Ken Tomlinson will purchase the vehicle and be reimbursed by the FTS.
- As soon as the proposal is approved, the monies will be held in the Endowment Fund until distribution.
- The church will retain the title for the vehicle.

B. Financial Report

- Handout #2A and #2B
- Robin Megel reported that the current operating cash is approximately \$60K.
- Traditionally May has been a good month financially for the parish, and Robin is confident that this May will be the same.
- Fifty percent of the Endowment draw has been made. The remaining 50% will take place in July or August.
- Robin will have financial projections for the year at the next meeting.

C. Vestry Liaison Reports

- April Report from Caroline Maisel, Handout #3
- Robin Megel and Mary Ratliff gave an update on Invite, Welcome and Connect.
- This ministry began prior to the pandemic and was functioning fairly well until Covid hit.
- It was not active during the height of the pandemic but is now returning to a more active status.
- The blue information cards in the pews are being used to follow the newcomers, invite them to the Rector's Receptions and encourage and empower involvement in the various volunteer opportunities in which they may have interest.
- Rev. Whitney is assisting the ministry in using pathways in the Realm program to follow the process as outlined above.
- Since its inception there have been some changes in the persons who are working with Invite, Welcome and Connect.
- The work of John Scott, who calls new members, was noted.

- Invite, Welcome and Connect is successful in getting new members involved. Sally Miller was given as an example of a new member who has become active in the life of the parish.
- It was also noted that the Ministry Fair is also a good way to get parishioners connected.

D. Rector's Report—See Report in Vestry Packet

- Handout #4
- Rev Whitney reported that Deacon Cindy Roehl is doing well and will be in worship on Sunday.
- Everything went well during Holy Week. Easter worship numbers were slightly lower than pre-Covid Easter which was encouraging.
- In mid-June it is planned to begin serving wine at Communion. Extra servers will be needed and she and Deacon Cindy are recruiting and will be planning a training session.
- There will be two options for the wine: sipping from the Chalice or receiving by intinction.
- If a person chooses intinction the Chalice Bearer will dip the wafer and administer it to the congregant.
- Communion will be served at the rail with persons kneeling or standing as they desire.
- The Reverend Kathy Walter will be assisting at the Altar and preaching.
- Pride Week is June 11-18 with a host of activities planned by the area churches.
- During Lent attendance at the Wednesday night service was between 12 and 20 parishioners. A light supper and Bible study were held following the service.
- Attendance at the Wednesday night service is now between 5 and 10 persons, and Rev. Whitney will be looking at ways to increase the attendance in the fall.

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items—March Meeting minutes—approve

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Robyn Harker.
- Second by Mary Ratliff
- Approved.

B. Audit

- The audit of the church financial records has been completed.
- The audit committee was led by Judy Warner and Shirl Ahrens.
- There were two recommendations: to retrain persons who approve invoices and sign checks and to notify the Furniture Thrift Store to watch the total hours worked by their employees.

- Rev. Whitney informed the Vestry that the audit is available for review and that it will be approved at the next meeting.
- The audit is due in the Diocese Office by September 1st.

C. Furniture Thrift Store truck

- Having heard the report of the Furniture Thrift Store the following motion by Robyn Harker:
- The Endowment Board will be asked to appropriate up to \$25K from the Furniture Thrift Store Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing a truck, the truck purchased will have the approval of the FTS Board.
- Phil Beauchamp seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

D. Attorney for Boy Scouts of America Case—See attached recommendation

- Handout #5
- Attorney Ted A. Barrett recommends that he be withdrawn as counsel of record with the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- If the case were to need an attorney the parish may request that the firm be hired as counsel but would have to re-negotiate the fee.
- Robin Megel moved to withdraw Barrett and Barrett as counsel regarding the BSA and Delaware BSA, LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case.
- The second was made by Phil Beauchamp.
- Approved.

V. Discussion

A. Volunteer Appreciation—Every 4th Sunday—coordinator/scheduler

- On each 4th Sunday a group or ministry will be highlighted at the Mission Moment.
- The Vestry member who reports on his/her ministry will be responsible for presenting at the Mission Moment.
- The 4th Sunday Mission Moment has been reserved for these Volunteer Appreciations.
- The next Volunteer Appreciation will be led by Robin Megel who will recognize Maureen Belote, Gail Griffin, Joe Nixon and Mary Ratliff.

B. Rectory Exploration Team

- Phil Beauchamp gave an update on the Rectory Exploratory Team.
- Canon Norman indicated to Phil that our rectory is a huge asset and some parishes regret selling their rectories and are trying to purchase new properties.
- Phil would like to make our rectory accommodating to Rev. Whitney and future Rectors.

- Phil is proposing that the team be composed of Robyn Harker, Dan Depies, Judy Warner and Jim Ratliff.
- There was a lengthy discussion as other names were suggested to be on this team.
- Robyn Harker will contact the three individuals named above as well as Dan Smith, Carolyn Hughes and Dave Megel.
- Once the team is assembled Robyn will schedule a meeting in July.

C. Property

- Peace Park parking revenues
- There have been some discussions that the City of Dunedin could be paying a higher fee for the use of Peace Park.
- Rev. Whitney will ask London Bates if she is interested in being the point person for these discussions.

D. Fundraiser Requests

- Two fundraising requests were submitted on behalf of Pack A Sack.
- Phil Beauchamp made a motion to approve both requests.
- Second by Robyn Harker.
- Approved.

VI. Planning

A. Devotion Schedule

- The schedule was passed around, and the members signed up for the month in which they will give the devotion.

VII. Announcements

- The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2022 at 5:30PM.
- The June and July meetings will be held on Zoom.

VIII. Closing Devotions

- The Closing Devotion was given by Rev. Whitney.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Whitney at 6:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk