

# **GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**In-Person:** Fr. Joe Hudson, Bob Sawyer, Don McKelvy, Ruth Bruno, Carole LaBate, Libby Chinman, Elaine Hedrick, Ed Silva, Megarie van Sickel, Judy Jarvis

**Via Zoom:** Christine Pizer                      **Absent:** Lynne Altimier

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sawyer at 6:31.

Father Joe opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a prayer.

### **ACTION ITEMS/MOTIONS:**

- a. Megarie van Sickel moved to approve the Clerk's Minutes from the April 16, 2024, Vestry meeting. Carole LaBate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Carole LaBate moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for April, 2024, as prepared and submitted by Bob Sawyer in the absence of Lynne Altimier. Don McKelvy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Fr. Joe informed the Vestry of a new parishioner who has had a great deal of experience with needlepoint and who has volunteered to redo the kneelers in the side chapel and around the chancel and also do a needlepoint for the Bishop's chair, all in colors to match the other kneelers. He requested a motion for funds to begin the project. Ed Silva moved to authorize an initial \$2,000 to purchase materials to redo kneelers for the parish with the understanding that additional funds will be necessary in the future. Elaine Hedrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAUSE FOR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING:** Don McKelvy

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **a. Restoration and Renovation - Fr. Joe**

Work on the roof continues but is nearly finished. The heat has been challenging and has caused some delay as time off for one of the crews has been needed. Expectation is for the work to be concluded within a week. The work is being carefully monitored, and photos are being taken to document that work. Peter Walker has been receiving the photos as well as Bob Hazelrigg and Paul Altimier. Other indoor tasks have been completed: all the blinds have been installed, the stained glass is in place, and the kitchen door is also in place. The front door still needs to be replaced; however, the doors themselves are expected to be delivered in June. Also left to be addressed is making all the doors watertight. John Buntel and Dave Beall are testing a waterproof tape to be sure that it would deliver the results that they feel are necessary to protect the building. There is also another possibility also under consideration.

### **b. Restore, Renew, Rejoice Capital Campaign - Bob Sawyer**

To date pledges in the amount of a bit more than \$285,000 have been received with more coming in. Some phone calls will be made to parishioners who have not returned their pledge cards to see if they received them or if they need any information. There has been some feedback from some congregants who feel that the FEMA and insurance monies should be sufficient to cover all of the restoration and renewal. Phone calls would create an opportunity to address any misunderstandings. In conclusion, Bob stated that the campaign is going very well and will be finished up fairly soon. Following that, he will be able to provide a budget plan for the next three years.

### **c. Spiritual Formation update - Fr. Joe**

Fr. Joe met with Libby and Deacon John to plan for the next Spiritual Formation team meeting. They are looking at planning programs for the summer, the fall, and into the Advent season. Some ideas came out of the survey taken earlier in the year by Deacon John and Bob Sawyer as to people's specific interests. The Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Revelations were of particular interest.. Deacon John will begin a session that will provide an overview of the BCP. It will be sent out as an E-blast once a week over the summer in eight mostly informational installments. There may be a follow-up later in practical application. Fr. Joe will also be working over the summer on a core curriculum of Spiritual Formation and some of the fundamental beliefs that underlie Spiritual Formation. A discussion program of fundamental beliefs would, for instance, be offered between Sunday church services over the summer. It would also be recorded for access at a later time. In the fall, Fr. Joe plans to move into the curriculum of Spiritual

Formation beginning with the Bible and Christianity. There would then be a pause over Advent for Deacon John's program on Revelations. Fr. Joe also reported he will be meeting with Bill Flack and Dave Sayer about developing a Men's Fellowship here as they had done at St. Mark's.

d. **Personnel update - Fr. Joe**

Linda Hughes is settling into the Parish Administrator's position, first shadowing Nancy and then progressing on her own with help available as needed. Linda is picking up things quickly. The "volunteer desk" is now being used by Nancy temporarily. Monday morning staff meetings for Morning Prayer is now underway.

**Around the Table: Shout Outs, Questions, Comments, Reminders**

Don McKelvy gave an update on the on-going problem of sewer odor. The plumbing company recommended that Sleuth Leak Detection conduct a smoke test. This test showed a couple of leaks. Kurtz Plumbing will be looking to correct these leaks.

**Closing: Prayed the Lord's Prayer in a circle.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Jarvis, Clerk of the Vestry