

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

In-Person: Fr. Joe Hudson, Bob Sawyer, Ruth Bruno, Libby Chinman, Barbara Davis, Christine Pizer, Ed Silva, Megarie van Sickel, Lynne Altimier, Judy Jarvis

By Zoom: Pat McNickle

Absent: Paul Altimier

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the scheduled instruction on how to read the financial reports was delayed, and the meeting proper was called to order by Bob Sawyer at 5:40.

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

ACTION ITEMS/MOTIONS:

- a. Chris Pizer moved to approve the Clerk's Minutes from the April 8, 2025, Vestry meeting. The motion was seconded by Megarie van Sickel. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The Treasurer's report was deferred until after instruction on reading the financial reports.
- c. Bob Sawyer discussed the benefits of moving Good Shepherd's banking to Bank of America. He stated that the Financial Committee proposes to the Vestry to move over time from Wells Fargo to Bank of America. Megarie van Sickel moved that the change be approved. Ed Silva seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:05, Bob Sawyer suspended the meeting. After transferring to the library and being treated to pizza and drinks, Bob presented a very comprehensive, step-by-step explanation of each phase of the financial reports. The Vestry meeting was resumed at 7:05.

- d. Lynne Altimier read a letter from Junior Warden, Paul Altimier, explaining the problem encountered by the Garden Committee with the pump and tank in the garden. The tank that holds our well water had a broken pipe and needed immediate replacement. American Drilling completed emergency repairs. The cost of repairs were initially charged to Building & Grounds but will be moved to Balance Sheet since the new items are assets. Since the Vestry had not been apprised of the situation at the time, Bob Sawyer asked for a motion to acknowledge the emergency expense. Megarie van Sickel so moved; Libby Chinman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Libby Chinman moved to accept the Treasurer's report for April 2025. Ruth Bruno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pause for Prayers and Thanksgiving - Bob Sawyer

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. **Capital Campaign Update** - Bob Sawyer

Bob referred us to the month's Capital Campaign Financial Report and reviewed it for our benefit.

b. **Rector's Pension Update** - Bob Sawyer

Bob explained that the Rector's Pension Fund has been making payments in arrears of the amount that should have been paid. This was due to the amount that should have been paid never having been updated as needed. The difference will be paid this month to bring the Rector's Pension Fund to its correct level.

c. **Review of Saturday Discussion** - Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe felt that Saturday's meeting to discuss allegiance to Church vs State went very well. Fr. Joe described how the session was organized and spoke of being thankful for the congregation being open to others' ideas and having the ability to discuss differences peaceably. Plans are for a service to be held Saturday, May 24, followed by removing the flags to the Parish Hall and concluding prayers.

d. **Audit Update** - Lynne Altimier

Lynne reported that the committee is meeting this week to begin the auditing process.

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

Closing: We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer in a circle.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Jarvis, Clerk of the Vestry