

Vestry Minutes: August 24, 2011

Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin

Those in attendance: Becky Robbins-Penniman, Betty Fraley, Richard Gehring, Lela Highsmith, Brian Sharpe, Dan Smith, Judy Warner (skype), Jan Cote (Vestry Clerk)

Absent: Tom Dixon, Jane Morris, Andrea Zahn

Pastor Becky called the meeting to order at 6:23 PM and opened the meeting with prayer.

Teaching:

Pastor Becky shared articles from “Spirituality and Vestry Leadership” with Vestry. Among the topics: Invest Vestry in Prayer, Theology of Entitlement, Culture of Discernment, and Building Program— More Than Buildings. [A website link was also provided for all the articles.]

Information:

- **Treasurer’s Report.** Judy Warner reviewed the July Financial Statement.
 - Our request for a late filing for tax exemption on the Rector’s home was accepted.
- **Calendar Events.** Review by Pastor Becky.
 - A Finance/Endowment Board Workshop will be offered on Sept. 20. This will help in planning the budget for 2012.
 - If everyone agrees, we will be starting all Vestry meetings at 6:00 PM.

Decisions:

- Minutes. The minutes from the July 27, 2011 meeting were approved. (Lela Highsmith/Betty Fraley)
The question was brought up re: action on the wheel stops. Pastor Becky will be sending a letter to the Endowment Board for their next meeting.

- The Finance Committee would like a check from the church to pay the deposit for the Dinner Dance Social Event. This is not a fundraiser; it is a social event for our 125th Anniversary celebration. An account will be set up to monitor all activities for the anniversary celebration.

Motion: The Vestry approves paying Bon Appetit a \$500 deposit and signing a contract for our Dinner Dance Party in January. (Brian Sharpe/Betty Fraley)
Motion passed.

- The Finance Committee presented a letter and back-up information from the bookkeeper requesting an additional \$62,068 from the Endowment Board to cover expenses for the rest of the year. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to send the letter to the Endowment Board.

Discussion:

- Discussion of the roof bids for the Sexton’s house will be postponed.
- Brian Sharpe presented plans from the 125th Anniversary Committee for fundraisers and fellowship events. Everything begins with a Spaghetti Dinner in October.
- Written committee reports were received by: Finance, Building and Grounds, Worship, Special Events, and the Rector.
- The business meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Vestry members continued the Goal Setting retreat, lead by Richard Gehring. Lela Highsmith closed the retreat with prayer at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cote, Vestry Clerk [approved 9/29/11]