

Vestry Minutes: September 29, 2011

Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin

Those in attendance: Becky Robbins-Penniman, Tom Dixon, Betty Fraley, Lela Highsmith, Jane Morris, Brian Sharpe, Judy Warner (skype), Andrea Zahn, Jan Cote (Vestry Clerk)

Absent: Richard Gehring, Dan Smith

Pastor Becky called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Betty Fraley opened the meeting with prayer.

Information:

- **Treasurer's Report.** Judy Warner reviewed the August Financial Statement.
 - In the 2012 Budget they will spread the expected revenue by month, rather than divide by twelve.
 - A Health Care rebate has been applied for [\$2,580].
 - \$1,000 budgeted for Supply Clergy has been moved to Fellowship.
 - Budget forms should be turned in by Oct. 17.
- **Calendar Events.** Review by Pastor Becky.
 - This Sunday [10/2] is the Blessing of the Animals Service and the Spaghetti Dinner!
 - Basics of a Parish Capital Campaign webinar on Oct. 18th at 6:00 PM.
 - *Last Things First* series will begin on Oct. 23. [A four-week series]

Decisions:

- Minutes. The minutes from the August 24, 2011 meeting were approved.
(Brian Sharpe/Lela Highsmith)

Discussion:

- Jane Morris, Christian Formation, reported that Irene Redd and her daughter, Victoria, have volunteered to watch the Nursery on Sunday mornings. They will be completing the SafeGuarding God's Children course. Victoria will also take a baby-sitting course.
- Four area churches [Ascension, St. John's, Good Samaritan, and Good Shepherd] will pool their resources and invite a redeveloper from Richmond, VA to speak with leadership from all the churches. We are hoping to schedule this event between Nov. 29 – Dec. 1.
- Building and Grounds included an estimated capital expense need of \$287,700 through 2015. This is for basic needs only!
- Written committee reports were received by: Communications, Finance, Christian Formation, Building and Grounds, and the Rector.

Teaching:

Joe Nixon joined us for a presentation: Capital Reserve Funding Proposal

Summary: He would like us to work toward a better understanding of our building needs. This way the Endowment Board could budget funds into a Capital Reserve Fund each year. Remaining endowment funds could be considered for Outreach, New Ministries, and Special Projects by the Endowment Board. This may also help the Vestry in a gradual decrease in funds used for general operations.

The Endowment Board has been working on a special series, *Last Things First*, that will begin Oct. 23rd. They hope to generate interest in the possibilities of ministry through growth of the Fund.

- Jan Cote closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cote, Vestry Clerk [approved 10/24/11]