

**Vestry Minutes: February 29, 2012**  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin

**Those in attendance:** Becky Robbins-Penniman, Maureen Belote, Ron Ellis, Richard Gehring, Brian Sharpe, Chris Schombs, Dan Smith, Judy Warner, Andrea Zahn, Jan Cote (Vestry Clerk), Scott Hood (treasurer)

**Absent:** Jane Morris

Pastor Becky called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened the meeting with Night Prayers from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

**Teaching:**

Pastor Becky shared the theme of the conference she attended last week: What would [or could] we do IF we weren't afraid?

**Vestry Organization:**

- Introductions of all present, starting with new Vestry members.
- Judy Warner has been appointed as Senior Warden.
- **Motion:** Jan Cote nominated to serve as Vestry Clerk. [Andrea Zahn/Maureen Belote] Passed.
- **Motion:** Scott Hood nominated to serve as Treasurer [Judy Warner/Chris Schombs] Passed.
- **Motion:** Dan Smith nominated to serve as Junior Warden. [Andrea Zahn/Chris Schombs] Passed.
- **Motion:** Convention Delegate nominees for 2012: Gene Belote, Chris Schombs, and Ron Ellis. Richard Gehring as alternate delegate. [Dan Smith/Judy Warner] Passed.
- **Committee Liaisons.** Every Vestry member had the opportunity to express a passion for/against any particular committee assignment. Pastor Becky would like to see new committees: Marketing, Welcoming, Pastoral Care, and Green. Next month decisions will be made on committee liaisons.
- **Devotions.** A sheet was passed around for everyone to sign-up for devotions to open and close Vestry meetings.

**Information:**

- **Treasurer's Report.** Judy Warner reviewed the January Financial Statement.
  - Vestry approved a fund-raising request for selling tickets to a baseball game. This will benefit the Dominican Republic Mission Team.
  - The Diocese sent a review of our 2010 Audit.
- **First Fruits Report.** Judy Warner thanked everyone who participated in the Annual Giving Campaign. The preliminary report after the first week of receiving Giving Intention cards has been positive— 75 cards have been turned in; a total of \$100,215 pledged for 2012. Thank you notes will be sent to all who turned in an Intention card.
- **Updates.** Review by Pastor Becky
  - Annual Meeting was well received— special thanks to Andrea Zahn and Cheryl Sharpe.
  - Correspondence from Lela Highsmith thank you for gift card.
  - The Good Shepherd Furniture Thrift Store opened on Monday.
  - A new projector and laptop was purchased with a memorial gift from the family of Dryk Weeks.
- **Calendar Highlights.** Review by Pastor Becky.
  - SENT for Lent program will be on Tuesday evenings during Lent
  - The Bishop's Appeal will be on March 11
  - Corned Beef Dinner on March 17. [fund-raiser for Pack A Sack]
  - ERD Shrimp Boil on March 23.
  - Pastor Becky will give the invocation at the Dinner & Games on April 20–21. [Dunedin's Highland Games]
  - Diocesan Vestry Retreat: May 5, at DaySpring

**Decisions:**

- **Minutes.** The minutes from the January 25, 2012 meeting were approved. [Dan Smith/Chris Schombs]
- **Motion:** To approve the 2011 Parochial Report. [Richard Gehring/Chris Schombs] Passed.
- **Thrift Store Banking Resolution.**

WHEREAS, the Church of the Good Shepherd has opened a Furniture Thrift Shop,

RESOLVED that the Vestry authorizes opening appropriate checking, savings, money market and other similar accounts for the operation of the Furniture Thrift Shop of the Church of the Good Shepherd; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that any such accounts opened shall be at the same financial institution as the Church of the Good Shepherd's operating account; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senior Warden, Judith A. Warner, is authorized to take action necessary to open such accounts.

[Andrea Zahn/Brian Sharpe] Passed

- **Checking Account signatories Resolution.**

WHEREAS, the Church of the Good Shepherd has the following accounts at Regions Bank:

- Church of the Good Shepherd, Inc. Operation Account
- Church of the Good Shepherd, Inc. Money Market Account
- Rector's Discretionary Account
- Church of the Good Shepherd Furniture Thrift Shop Account

RESOLVED that the following persons are authorized signatories on the above accounts:

- R. Scott Hood
- Judith A. Warner
- Daniel Taylor Smith

FURTHER RESOLVED that Janice Cote also be an authorized signator on the Rector's Discretionary Account.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are **removed** as authorized signatories on the above accounts:

- Tom Dixon
- Betty Fraley
- Lela Highsmith

[Andrea Zahn/Brian Sharpe] Passed.

- **Diocesan Rebate.** A letter was received from the Diocese offering a rebate from our 2011 Apportionment. If The Church of the Good Shepherd would like to participate in this distribution, their response is required. It was decided to complete and turn in the paperwork required.
- **Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Project.** Tom Ehrich has been hired to direct this Project. Funding of the Project will be shared by 4 churches and the Diocese. It was agreed that Good Shepherd would contribute \$1,500.
- **Endowment Fund Promissory Note Line of Credit.** Dan Smith reported on the status of repair of the church building. We have received three bids for the project; the Building and Grounds committee will meet on Tuesday to review the bids and make their recommendation. A decision to move ahead with the project will be needed at next month's Vestry meeting so it can be completed before hurricane season.

Scott Hood presented the background of how the Endowment Board supported this project and proposed the Promissory Note and terms included in it. They are expecting Good Shepherd to hold a Capital Campaign within the next 5 years, to pay off the Promissory Note.

**Motion:** To approve the Promissory Note Line of Credit; change the date to April 1; add a third signature for the Junior Warden.[The other signatories will be the Rector and Senior Warden.] [Dan Smith/Richard Gehring] Passed.

Note: It was suggested that Jan Cote look into becoming a Notary Public for future documents.

**Discussion:**

- Next Vestry meeting: March 28, 2012 at 6:00 PM.
- The Missio Engage Team will be helping to process the data obtained from the First Fruits Meetings.
- Judy Warner reported on progress of the Capital Campaign team. They are now looking at several consultants. Richard Gehring volunteered to join the team [Judy Warner and Gus Robbins-Penniman.]
- A Vestry Retreat, from Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, needs to be planned. Several dates were discussed and before May is a priority. At this time it looks like March 30/31 would be the best dates. Possible places: Dunedin Chamber Office, Countryside Country Club.
- A written report was received by the Rector, Finance, and Worship.

**Closing:**

- Pastor Becky closed the meeting with devotions at 8:25 PM.

I certify that this is a true version of the minutes of the February 29, 2012 meeting of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Jan Cote, Vestry Clerk