

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bluemont, Virginia - Meeting Notes

Subject: Virtual Vestry Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Attendees: Lois, Judy, Tim, Cindy, Rev. Deb, Linda Bailey, Josette

Start time: 6:38 p.m. after technical difficulties. Rev. Deb started us with a prayer.

Music Ministry

Josette announced her resignation from being music coordinator after 2 ½ years, with an end date of the next vestry meeting, July 15 and a final Sunday of July 11. She introduced a discussion on ideas for how the music ministry should proceed, suggesting we contact the Winchester chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a pianist/organist who could work with our budget and schedule.

Cindy likes the downloadable music we use on Sundays and would like to keep that. Judy has noticed how much time it takes to set up. Tim likes that we found sites where we can download music for free and “for small churches.” All music is public domain or publicly available. Tim would also like getting more live music in the church.

Judy would like to look for local people who might not charge as much as the organists in the guild. Deb suggested contacting the schools, and Tim suggested other area musicians. Deb suggested the Methodist church in Bluemont.

In the meantime, Tim suggested singing along with guitar music.

Cindy volunteered to look up hymns online and has time in August. Deb said she has a recommendation for Cindy.

Josette will still lead one service a month as a lay minister.

Laptop for Online Services

Judy learned we need to switch from using personal equipment to church equipment. We purchased a Yeti microphone and webcam. Judy will be gone July 10 to Aug. 22, so that furthers the need for us to have standard equipment to use for hybrid services. The church needs two USB ports and decent RAM for streaming, along with decent Wi-Fi service, which we’ve had for all but one Sunday. Since then, she moved the router into the church. Cindy is willing to take that on each Sunday. Judy found a machine for \$730, which equals up to \$900 including a microphone. Tim suggested looking for cheaper options. He found one for \$550 plus Microsoft. Cindy suggested checking Amazon.

Lois received an anonymous donation of \$750 from someone who knows Debbie.

Tim suggested allocating that \$750 toward maximum amount of buying computer and associated software. Cindy suggested looking for a cheaper option, saying we'll also need Quickbooks soon. Cindy will take over searching for laptops.

Fourth of July Planning

Judy asked about dairy-free ice cream plans, and Josette agreed to get the equivalent of a gallon of dairy-free. Any unused will be saved for the fall event.

Tim came up with a flier. Judy has 100 printouts to attach to little American flags. She needs this done by June 27 for time to distribute and also wants to bring fliers to local businesses to distribute. Lois, Judy, and Cindy will distribute.

Judy is working on a band. We'll need to set up tents.

Christmas for Commonwealth Senior Living

Josette proposed the idea of asking CSL if they would coordinate with us on an angel tree, where they could tell us something their residents need that we could get them as Christmas gifts – something useful/meaningful for people without family.

Judy suggested we ask them about who doesn't have family and concentrate on them, maybe giving smaller gifts to the others. Josette will find out, along with how many residents. Judy suggested looking at Rose Hill, too.

Request from Committee on Aging

Judy motioned that we donate \$100, which Cindy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously except for abstentions.

Parish Hall Project

Tim is having difficulty getting replies about ceiling work. He got the plumbing and electrical work done. The closet had a leak a few months ago, but there's been no evidence of that since. Valley Roofing came and recommended a new roof, which we're not ready to approve yet. (\$23,000 with shingles or \$35,000 with metal.) Climatic replaced the broken motor, which we'd already paid for. He told Tim we're paying twice as much and should get a refund, because we're paying for two systems when we only have one. We should be able to go back three or four years for a refund. Roger got a check for his second mowing. Tim's going to ask about paying him monthly. Tim doesn't think we'll get this work done in time for the Scott Grant deadline. Linda said the diocese can ask the Scott Foundation about an extension.

Close: 7:50 p.m. with a compline prayer.