



GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

Vestry Highlights

September 2024

The Vestry met on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting.

Father Groff provided an audit update, noting that the **audit is complete** and is being reviewed by the Treasurer and finance committee. The auditor will join the November vestry meeting to present his report.

Father Groff also introduced the Stewardship 2025 initiative, "Awaken Imagination," outlining the plans and timeline for the campaign, including upcoming **Stewardship Cottage Meetings**, which will be a first for Good Shepherd. Be on the lookout for information forthcoming!

Senior Warden Ian Anderson offered his observation from the Kick-off Cookout which he noted had a excellent turnout of young families and just a great time of fellowship with our diverse congregation.

Junior Warden Kevin Riddle reported on ongoing campus maintenance and highlighted the **damaged drain line under the field** behind the Parish Hall. Proposals are being reviewed to determine the best course of action to repair the line and mitigate any further issues. He also shared that the area around the outdoor chapel will be cleared of invasive plant species over the weekend.

Emily Smith, our youth liaison, reported that **youth group is off to a great start**. A lock-in has been scheduled for the end of the month and they are very excited about it.

Julie Hirsch, the Vestry liaison to the School Board, reported that school is off to a strong start for the academic year. **Enrollment remains full**, and there is palpable excitement among students and staff. Planning for the annual Fall Festival is underway, with a call for volunteers and sponsors.

Final preparations are underway for the **Oktoberfest Dinner**, set for Saturday, October 19, 2024. This German-themed event will be a fundraiser for the parish, and volunteers are still needed.

The **Bishop will visit Good Shepherd** on Sunday, October 20, 2024. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, received or having their faith reaffirmed by the Bishop, please contact Father Groff directly.

The **August 2024 financial statements** were reviewed, revealing a typical summer dip in giving, resulting in a shortfall of over \$60,000. As we look ahead to the vibrant ministry opportunities this fall, the vestry invites parishioners to prayerfully consider catching up on their pledges and giving.

A consolidated report for August is included with these highlights. Any questions about the budget or finances can be directed to Treasurer Mike Greene. For an update on your pledge or giving, please contact Lynn Evans.

The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.