

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Minutes for the Annual Meeting held January 23, 2022 at 10:55 AM in person and on “You Tube” due to the pandemic. Those who watched from home registered and approved the slate of new Vestry members when they registered for the meeting. The Registrar confirmed there was a quorum to approve the slate with a total of 66 members present for the meeting.

Arianne+ started with a prayer for conventions or meetings from p.818 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Arianne+ introduced Tina Thomas, Senior Warden, and said she has graciously agreed to stay on for another year. Tina then asked for a motion to elect the two new Vestry Members, Grace Belkot and Charles Warren. Tina then thanked the outgoing Vestry members Rebecca Williams, Missy Adams and Liza Eberling. They all stayed on three years and seven months because the Annual Meeting moved to January from May during their terms. Tina also mentioned that Cynthia Fraser has agreed to also stay on another year as Registrar.

Tina Thomas then read Bill Baker’s Junior Warden report as he was recovering from surgery. During the pandemic, Bill has overseen many repairs and improvements to church including the conversion of the library into a conference/meeting room with new furniture and remediation to the walls. The Nave roof leaks and a beam needs repair, air cleaners have been added throughout the church, and the Choir Room was converted to the Kindergarten Room for the Day School. The Choir is now meeting in the Rug Room. They also thanked Harry Andrews who stayed on as Junior Warden and was not properly thanked during the pandemic.

Tina then read her Senior Warden Report and said her keys words for this year are “Grit” and “Patience.” She thanked everyone and mentioned that Ann Mellow will be facilitating the Vestry Retreat in February. She said Good Shepherd is blessed to have Arianne+ who has been shown amazing leadership during this pandemic.

Bill Nesbitt then referred to his Treasurer’s Report and mentioned that the church had a deficit in 2021 in their budget at the beginning of the year, but ended up with a \$25K surplus due to the Day School repaying their allocation that was forgiven during the beginning of the pandemic and the fact we had no new hires. He said we still intend to hire an Associate Rector mid-year, and we hired Ruth Martin as our Sexton, and her salary is being split with the Day School.

Bill said we are starting the year with another deficit and pledging is down. He said many times we make up the deficit with unexpected gifts later in the year, but asked that if you have not pledged you consider it, so the Vestry can better plan their resources for the year.

He thanked Mark McGrath and Investment Committee for leading that effort and the church’s assets had a very good year in 2021. He mentioned that Kim Chalmers and he have been working on a better reporting system to forecast, and he said since the church is getting older, they will always need to budget for unforeseen repairs.

Mabeth Hudson then spoke on behalf of the Outreach Committee and said it has been a joy to reach out and help others in these times. She said there are 12 people on the Committee. She said Outreach is “Being Church” by focusing on the greater good by loving and serving. SLYC was the Committee’s major focus in 2021 and is part of the effort in repairing the breach, and she

said Van Gardner+ would be smiling and so happy at our work with SYLC and that his daughter, Amanda Talbot is becoming the full time Executive Director. Parishioners has been helping SLYC secure grants, tutoring, organizing the Christmas Café and Camp Imagination. She thanked Dorsey Campbell, Ellen Hoitsma, Mary Ellen Gervais and Margie Long for tutoring during the afternoons.

Mabeth then thanked the ACTC team of Suzanne Whitney, Barry and Muffy Rollins and Jane Love for volunteering their time at ACTC and organizing the neighborhood collections and our annual Thanksgiving drive to collect food for the needy.

Mabeth thanked Cynthia Fraser who she said “has had the healthcare workers on her heart” during the pandemic. She coordinated a gift through SEWA to India to get oxygen to hospitals in desperate need. More recently, two weeks ago, she organized lunch for 195 ER workers at GBMC and UM St. Joseph’s Medical Center. Mabeth Hudson, Missy Adams, Hillary Shaffer and Cynthia Fraser made two deliveries to GBMC for the day and night shifts. Kate Knott helped Cynthia coordinate with UM St. Joe’s and delivered the evening meals while Cynthia Fraser and Stephanie Bartals delivered lunch. Graul’s discounted the box meals.

Mabeth also mentioned the Committee’s donations to Sutton Scholars and that Outreach is looking for ways to partner with that initiative.

Sarah Lemon gave the Day School Report. She said in 2021 they reopened with 81 students and this year they have 140! The Parent/Toddler Program restarted and she credits that with 23 new students. She thanked Kevin King for graciously moving the Choir Room to the Rug Room to give the school the room to expand and be able to have more students. They needed a bigger space to compete with other schools. She says the new Kindergarten Room is beautiful and the highlight of her tour with prospective parents with the smart board and new furniture.

She said the school is stronger than it has ever been and they were able to have many Christmas Programs in person this year. They have a record number enrolled for Summer Camp this year. In April, they hope to hold a fundraiser and have a celebration with food trucks, music and live and silent auctions.

Sarah thanked Arianne+ for facilitating a meeting with Ann Mellow and for all her help coordinating with the Day School during the pandemic. She thanked Kim Chalmers for keeping the church and the school running so smoothly. She thanked her staff of 28 teachers who love to work and teach. She acknowledged Peggy Porter, who will be retiring, and said they are going to have a new Assistant Director position.

Arianne+ thanked Sarah, she thanked the choir for the gift of music, and the Altar Guild for keeping the altar and church looking beautiful during the pandemic.

The Annual Meeting ended at 11:38 AM.
Submitted by Cynthia Fraser, Registrar for the Vestry



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