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Minutes for January 17, 2021 Annual Meeting after church service
by Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

WELCOME AND GROUP CHECK INS

The meeting opened with Arianne+ welcoming everyone, and we checked to see we had a quorum of over 50 people by zoom. We then broke out into small groups of four to introduce ourselves and discuss what we miss about Good Shepherd and how we are staying connected to church. We then reconvened into one large group.

OUTGOING AND INCOMING NEW VESTRY

We thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service to the church. Those who have completed their term included Hillary Shaffer, Kate Knott and John Bonn. They all agreed to continue on an additional seven months due to the pandemic. Harry Andrews has agreed to continue as the Junior Warden until May.

We then introduced the new Vestry members. They are Mary Ellen Gervais, Jill Hanson, Marge Rodgers and Barry Rollins. They each spoke about when they joined Good Shepherd, what groups they are involved with and their occupations.

We then recorded an audio approval of the new Vestry members on zoom and it was unanimous. Arianne+ then announced she is hoping to request the members approval to permanently move the Annual Meeting to January, the first Sunday after Epiphany because it is difficult to get a quorum in May with so many end of year activities.

Welby asked that with so many Vestry members with healthcare experience, she thought the ushers and others should be trained in CPR and other first aid measures once we are back in church.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Mabeth Hudson, Chair of Outreach, updated everyone on the work of the Outreach Committee during the pandemic and thanked each committee member, especially Suzanne Whitney for organizing the ACTC effort, and we surpassed our goal at Thanksgiving. We continue to collect food because of the incredible increase in need due to the pandemic. She mentioned Clai and Barty Carr have a place at their home to drop off nonperishable food for ACTC. She also thanked Stephanie Bartal-Lubitz for organizing the SLYC Christmas giving. She mentioned that about 20 parishioners took part in two Sacred Circle groups which discussed systemic racism over several months in light of Bishop Sutton's Reparations. She said that although it was challenging not being able to do outreach in person, the committee did a great job of helping many people through our various ministries, and we continue our relationship with SLYC, through online tutoring and helping virtually through the summer camp. She encouraged people to join and said the Committee meets once a month on Tuesday from 6-7 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Nesbitt reported that church remains in good financial shape, investments total \$1.3 million, operating budget \$42,700, liabilities \$50,881, total equity \$2.78 million, deficit \$28,000. The deficit is due to the Day School cost share which the Vestry waived due to the pandemic. There has also been no plate collection. He also mentioned that we are still short \$110,000 on our pledges this year, we had a goal of \$425K. The church hopes to hire an Associate Rector by April 1st to help Arianne+. With a new Associate, our deficit will grow to \$82K if we don't get any more pledges. Tina Thomas thanked Bill for his work as Treasurer and thanked Dick Reid for his service as Treasurer as well. Welby thanked Bill as well for his help during the virtual services.

ALTAR GUILD

Julie Minch thanked the Altar Guild for their work during the pandemic. Fran Duffy and Mary Snead would like to step down and so she was asking for volunteers to join Christie Root and herself. Mary Ellen Gervais remarked at how beautiful the altar looks on the "You Tube" services.

POLL

Arianne+ conducted a poll to determine which small interest groups the congregation would like for the Spring. The most popular were a book club group on "Love is the Way" by Bishop Curry and an Episcopal Church course on civil discourse. Other options included a Bible study, Men's Bible Study and a course on the work of Brene Brown.

COGS CONNECTS

Brooke Riegel announced a new group formed to help connect everyone especially during the pandemic, and they will be holding a coffee hour, next Sunday after the service.

We closed with the Prayer for the Human Family and a tribute and reflection on the ministry of Van Gardner+. It was remarked that SLYC's rise was a dream come true for Van. Many people reflecting on his poignant sermons and ministry to the children of St. Luke's. Arianne+ said it is tribute to his ministry that Bishop Curry will be presiding over his funeral at a later date.

Submitted by Cynthia Fraser, Registrar for the Vestry

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