

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Minutes for January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting in the Foyer

Clergy and Staff present: Arianne Rice+, Van Gardner+, Sarah Lemon (GSS Director)

Officers present: Tina Thomas (Sr. Warden), Harry Andrews (Junior Warden), Dick Reid (Treasurer), Cynthia Fraser (Registrar)

Vestry members present: Missy Adams, Bill Baker, John Bonn, Liza Ebeling, Harry Gormley Jr., Kate Knott, Bill Nesbitt, Brooke Riegel, Rebecca Williams

Vestry members absent: Jamey Hebb, Hillary Shaffer

WELCOME AND GROUP CHECK INS

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with Arianne+ asking the Vestry to check in with these questions, “Where have you found joy since Thanksgiving, and where are you needing to find strength?”

VIDEO SYSTEM: Sara Noon joined the meeting at 7 PM to discuss her research on a new video system for the church. Arianne+ has noticed many local churches have a monitor at the entrance to help with wayfinding and run a calendar of events. The monitor could also live stream services when there is overflow and be used to live stream weekly services on social media. The cost without new speakers is \$19,741. This would get our audio and video up to date with similar churches. We discussed the need to maybe adjust the lighting at the pulpit. Sarah Lemon asked if the church has any events planned in the Parish Hall that might generate money for the second phase of the video projection system which could be extended to the Parish Hall, for an additional \$25,000. Liza said they have not planned any new events to date to generate revenue.

CREATION CARE: Van Gardner+ distributed the new mission statement and action steps for the Creation Care Committee, which is a small group of parishioners dedicated to helping the environment. The Vestry read the statement aloud. Van+ also mentioned the committee is working on scheduling events around key days like Earth Day. The Sunday after Easter would include an “Earth Day Liturgy” and Education Program and, perhaps, planting trees in conjunction with Alex Fisher’s environmental group in the city. The Vestry will vote next month to share these “Action Steps” with committee chairs and encourage these guidelines for the church to be environmental stewards.

STEWARDSHIP: Bill Baker announced that we raised \$389,596 and had 124 pledges of our 206 members. We reached 92% of our goal and saw a 3.3% increase in money raised and this is the third year we have seen an increase in pledges. The biggest increase in pledges was among the group that gives \$5,000 or more, and the average pledge was \$3,164.

RECTOR REPORT: Arianne+ reported that Bishop Sutton+ will be visiting Good Shepherd on March 22nd for Confirmation and will attend the 8 AM and 10 AM services and meet with the Vestry after the services and have lunch. Kate Knott and Missy Adams will coordinate the lunch, and someone will send a Sign-Up Genius for everyone to help. Arianne+ is also trying to coordinate a Vestry Retreat, and there has not been a Mutual Ministry Review since 2012. She suggested we meet after the May meeting so we can include the new Vestry members. She suggested May 30th, but there were conflicts, so she is looking for some time in June. She also announced that Jamie Hebb resigned from the Vestry because his work schedule does not allow him to attend the Vestry meetings. Arianne+ said they are looking for someone to fill his term.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT: Tina Thomas reported that Harry removed the church sign at Charles Street. A committee headed by Sarah Woods is looking into designing replacements since they are dated from 2009. They will present their suggestions to the Day School and Vestry with a budget for replacing the two signs by the church.

TREASURER: Dick Reid reviewed the financial report. The church continues to be in sound fiscal shape and the money borrowed over the summer was paid back. He drew our attention to the sale of the rental property and the repaying of the Mittendorf loan. The first phase of the roof replacement is complete. The church ended with a \$41,560 deficit this year and has a projected deficit of \$47,547 for 2020. The budget fell short in 2019 in loose plate donations and total donations. The church was also robbed of \$7,000 in checks that were mailed to the church. A police report was filed. Mark McGrath and Lori Bourne have agreed to conduct our audit for the Diocese again this year.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT: Harry Andrews reported that phase two of the roof replacement is set to begin soon on the front half of the Parish Hall wing. He is having a free drone inspection of the bell tower and received estimates on some brick repair, but has to wait for better weather to have the brick work completed. He is continuing to watch the Foyer floor and the masonry work needed on the ramp to the columbarium.

OUTREACH: John Bonn reported that the Outreach Visioning meeting and dinner scheduled for January was cancelled due to snow and rescheduled for early February. Everyone agreed the Christmas Café was a huge success again this year. Van+ mentioned that the SYLC Board needs a Treasurer if anyone knows of a Good Shepherd parishioner who would like to volunteer.

NEWCOMERS: Brooke Riegel reported she is hosting a newcomer's reception on February 9th and they have invited 12 people and a few Vestry will be invited once they know who is coming.

YOGA: Bill Nesbitt reported they have found two yoga instructors and will begin Sunday afternoon yoga in March and alternate with the two instructors through May and then reevaluate the program. They are currently checking on insurance and deciding on a compensation structure.

CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES: Kate Knott reported about the Super Bowl Sunday Chili Fundraiser which Rob Scott is coordinating, and the Youth Group is having an Indoor Yard Sale on March 28th to benefit the Appalachian Trip, and they need used items to sell at the sale.

PASTORAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS: Arianne+ mentioned that they still need an Associate Priest for Families and Youth, and she is aware there is no youth program for 5-7th graders. There is Children's Chapel for the younger kids and the Youth Group for older teens. She is working on that. Arianne+ closed our meeting with a prayer and asked for any pastoral needs and concerns. The meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted by Cynthia Fraser, Registrar for the Vestry

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Attachments:

Rector's Report

Senior Warden's Report

Video System Proposal

Creation Care Mission

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Financial Position as of Dec. 31, 2019