

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting
October 17, 2021**

The meeting convened in prayer by Fr. Alan at noon.

Attendance: *Present* - Rev. H. Alan Leonard, Deborah Lukens, David Hammond, Barbara D. Smith, John Coyle, Scott Griffith, Carol Hoffman, Karann Murphy, Dr. Lew Price, Jack Shaw, Noel Smith Wong *Absent* - Frank Garcia

Minutes: Motion by D. Lukens, seconded by C. Hoffman, to approve minutes of September 19, 2021 as amended. *Approved*

Treasurer's Report: Note: <\$4K dip down in pledges = ~\$10K below annual expected.

Motion by Dr. L. Price, seconded by S. Griffith, to approve the Treasurer's Report, presented as "Profit & Loss Budget Performance, September 2021" and "Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison, Jan - Sept. 2021." *Approved pending audit*

Rector's Report: *Updates* - Sunday service attendance is up (consider summer impact of attendance at St. Peter's & other beach services); Youth Program in conjunction with Methodist Church is a success; and, Fr. Dan will assist Fr. Alan in pastoral care.

Wardens' Reports:

Sr. Warden - D. Lukens expressed concern over parishioners still unseen at services/activities and suggested reaching out to maintain connections, as per previous calls from the vestry.

Jr. Warden - D Hammond provided property updates:

- Church cedar shake roof completed with 6-yr. warranty
- Mike Trainer to engage in parish hall roof repair, gutters/gutter guards installation.
- Mulch completed around the church itself
- Spring clean-up necessary around parish hall gardens to remove invasive species, etc.
- Fall general clean-up per blast for volunteers
- Landscape design improvements to be explored in 2022.

Old Business:

- *Church steps at rear entrance* - Fall project by Sexton M. Kirk
- *Celebration dinner* - postponed due to COVID-19 status
- *Cape May Church Youth United* - thus far, 8 teens in attendance, split evenly with Methodist church. Entries of scarecrows for contest at Emlen Physick Estate
- *Special Convocation* meeting, October 24th, 7pm per Zoom Alice Vasser-Barnes has been nominated as lay representative
- *ECM Breakfast* - Tuesday, November 16, 2021

New Business:

Parish relationships during COVID-19 - In order to further connect with parishioners, a brief survey will be sent by e-mail. Vestry will follow up with phone calls.

Other Committee Reports - Dr. L. Price provided update for Planned Giving Subcommittee:

- A letter will appear in the January issue of the *Anchor*, separate from Stewardship Program
- Brochure from Episcopal Church Foundation may be purchased for nominal fee
- Advent website will feature a section with a drop-down menu
- Legacy Society may be considered in the future

Motion by D. Hammond, seconded by K. Murphy to adjourn at 12:45 pm
Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara D. Smith
Vestry Clerk