

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – April 2021

A virtual meeting of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd was held pursuant to the Bylaws and by the order of the Vestry on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

**Members Present:** The Reverend Dr. Doug Scharf, Michael Howard, Kathy Hawken, Heather Graham, Beth Bohnsack, Beverly Cunningham, Gwen Gouery, Tracy Smith, Grace Owosina, Steve Pollard, Rob Taylor, Mike Hanseter, Matt Ulman, Mike Greene, and Mark Chittum

The meeting opened with prayer.

The **Agenda** was amended to include as appointment to the Investment Committee. The February 2021 Minutes was approved with clarifications to the Financial Report.

**Financial Reports:** Mike Greene presented draft Financial Reports for March. They were not final due to staff illness. Overall, the parish remains in good financial condition.

**School Financial Reports:** Rev. Dr. Scharf reviewed the Report for March. The school continues to do well. Year to date the school maintains a positive cash surplus that exceeds budgeted surplus. The report was approved unanimously.

**PPP Loan Update:** Mike Green informed the Vestry that the application for forgiveness will be submitted as soon as our Bank invites us to do so.

**Investment Committee:** Kevin Johnson was appointed to the Investment Committee.

**Pennies for Heaven:** Pennies conducts sales in person, online and via eBay and are highly successful. Additional space is required, and Pennies will be able to use 25% of the parish halls for large items until the end of the year. More space is needed to remain successful. A plan to address the space needs will be submitted to the Vestry in the fall.

**Staffing Needs:** The Vestry agreed to fund and recruit for two part time media/technology related positions to support our ongoing live streaming and online communications initiatives. The Vestry also approved the search for a curate to support congregational worship and growth.

**Congregational Meeting:** A meeting will be held between services on Sunday May 16 to update parishioners on the state of the parish and future activities.

**Youth Report:** The Youth program is having several activities including: Meeting weekly on Wednesdays, a monthly youth outing, youth baccalaureate Sunday on May 30<sup>th</sup>, outdoor services, and camp attendance. Two fundraisers are scheduled.

**Senior Warden Report:** Heather Graham informed the Vestry on Staff Recognition that will be held on Sunday, April 25.

**Junior Warden Report:** Mike Howard identified completed and ongoing maintenance items/projects. They included: replacement of a water heater at the Rectory, replacement of an A/C fan motor at Ridgewood, maintenance of COVID protocols, and campus maintenance projects.

**School Drive Shack- May 7:** A school fundraiser will be held at the Drive Shack on May 7. Eight parishioners will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM with a prayer led by the Rev. Dr. Scharf.