

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – April 2022

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 26, 2022.

Members Present: The Reverend Dr. Doug Sharf, Fr. Derek Larson, Michael Howard, Heather Graham, Ian Anderson, Carol Block, Beverley Cunningham, Beth Bohnsack, Brad Davis, Akintunde Owosina, Tracy Smith, George Hines, Zachery Gouery, Matt Ulman, Mike Greene, Merike Seely and Mark Chittum. Also in attendance was Canon Jason Roberson from the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Bishop Search Process

Canon Jason Roberson discussed the transition issue now that Fr. Doug has been elected as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Canon Roberson highlighted the points central to a successful transition. The committee will conduct all aspects of the search in a confidential manner.

Canon Roberson also emphasized that the Diocese will be providing support to Fr. Derek in his pastoral and liturgical responsibilities.

The **agenda** was amended to include confirmation of the new school board members.

Financial Reports: Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for March. There is a small year to date deficit which is expected and on budget.

School Financial Reports: The School Financial Reports for February were presented. Fr. Doug stated the school continues to do well financially with sufficient cash on hand. The school received a VPK grant related to covid and will use these funds to support the purchase of new playground equipment.

School Lease Addendum - There is a ten-year lease between the school and the church. As part of exploring other models of relationship we will extend the lease for one year.

School Board Election Confirmation - The following individuals were elected to the school board for three-year terms: Todd Alfuth, Mary Ellen Purdy, and Stacy Ullman. Gwen Gouery was elected to a one-year term. The Vestry needs to confirm the election.

Monthly Reports

Youth Report: Zachery Gouery, the Youth Representative informed the Vestry of the numerous activities of the youth group. They included: the youth band on Wednesdays, stations of the cross, beach cleanup, May 13th year-end activities, VBS participation, and June mission trip to Charleston, SC

Senior Warden Report: Heather Graham noted the good discussion around the transition and the support of Canon Roberson. She stated that the support of the Vestry to the parish is critical at this

time. The vestry must also support Fr. Doug's transition and Fr. Derek's role as pastoral and liturgical leader

Junior Warden Report: Mike Howard discussed that the campus was very busy during Easter. Of the activities included: installation of a new kitchen disposal; AC repairs in the Ryan building; and cleanup due to accident at youth symphony concert

Other Business: The church hired Lynn Evans for the position of Business Manager.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on May 17.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.