

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS February 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, February 16, 2021.

Members Present: The Reverend Dr. Doug Sharf, Michael Howard, Kathy Hawken, Heather Graham, Beth Bohnsack, Gwen Gouery, Beverly Cunningham, Steve Pollard, Tracy Smith, Rob Taylor, Mike Hanseter, Mike Greene, Merike Seely and Mark Chittum

The meeting opened with prayer.

- **Election of Vestry Officers:** Gwen Gouéry and Tracy Smith were thanked for serving as the Clerk and Junior Warden, respectively. New officers are: Mike Howard for Junior Warden, Mark Chittum as Clerk of the Vestry, Mike Greene as Treasurer, Heather Graham as Senior Warden.
- The Rev. Dr. Scharf discussed Adaptive Leadership with the Vestry as part of a monthly enrichment exercise.
- The **Agenda** was approved as presented. The December 2020 Minutes was approved with minor clarifications to the Financial Report.
- **Financial Reports:** Mike Greene gave the Financial Report for January. The report was not complete due to staff illness and will be approved at the next meeting.
- **School Financial Reports:** The school continues to do well with higher than projected students and positive financial status. The reports were approved unanimously.
- **PPP Loan Update:** Final documents are being compiled for the forgiveness of the PPP Loan.
- **Giving Campaign Update:** We are still receiving pledges. We received \$62,000 in prepaid pledges, which is more than usual, and we expect to reach the \$618,000 2021 goal.
- **COVID-19 response and re-entry:** There are no changes expected in February and March, and no new guidelines. An outdoor service was added on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.
- **Lent and Holy Week Updates:** Programs and service times were discussed with consideration to logistical issues and attendance figures.
- **Pennies for Heaven:** Space options were discussed for planning purposes considering the need for storage and display of increased donations and large items. Follow-up research will be presented at the next Vestry meeting for guidance.
- **Head of School Transition:** Discussion of Heather Vaughn being formally appointed as Acting Head of School. This was communicated to the School and the Congregation.

- **Youth Report:** The pancake mix fundraiser was a success with 196 jars sold and \$1,500 raised so far. the Youth Group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings; a scavenger hunt is scheduled for February 28 in Riverbend; GSKids is being held on Sunday night twice a month during the outdoor service; 'Lent in a bag' activities have been prepared will be distributed; the Pilgrimage is planned to take place in Juneau Alaska with up to 15 participants including two chaperons; we are still waiting to hear back from Kanuga to see if they will be hosting groups and the Youth is involved in a Good Friday project during the Youth Meetings during Lent.
- **Senior Warden Report:** Heather Graham provided an overview of the Lenten Project. The Project is to send a container of food to Haiti by sponsoring a child for \$50.00. The project benefits both the children and local community in Bondeau.
- **Junior Warden Report:** Tracy Smith reported that COVID-19 cleaning protocols are continuing and described various painting and maintenance projects.
- **Annual Vestry Retreat:** The Rev. Dr. Scharf noted that the date of April 10th has been set tentatively for the Vestry Retreat.

The meeting closed with prayer.