

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – January 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, January 18, 2022.

**Members Present:** The Reverend Dr. Doug Sharf, Fr. Derek Larson, Michael Howard, Heather Graham, Beverley Cunningham, Beth Bohnsack, Tracy Smith, Kathy Hawken, Rob Taylor, Matt Ulman, Mike Greene, Merike Seely and Mark Chittum.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The **agenda** was approved as presented.

**Financial Reports:** Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for December. The church ended the year in excellent financial condition. Despite starting the year with a budget deficit, the church ended the year with a surplus of over \$37,000. The surplus is due to the faithfulness of the parish to support the ministry and mission of the church during these uncertain times.

**Allocation of Budget Surplus:** The Yearend budget surplus will be allocated to the replacement of the Pennies shed and other building maintenance needs.

**School Financial Reports:** The School Financial Reports for November was presented. School tuition is up for the year and all expenditures are in alignment. Fundraising is also up for the year.

**2022 Giving Update:** The Giving goal of \$675,000 is very close to being achieved. As of the start of the meeting the church was \$18,914 away from its goal. That number is constantly being updated as new pledges are received regularly. At this time the expectation is that the giving goal will be reached.

**Covid Protocols:** Due to the highly contagious Omicron variant masks must be worn in all buildings on campus. Most in-person activities scheduled for January have been canceled or postponed. A review of the protocols will occur in early February 2022.

**New Initiatives:** Fr. Larson said that the first meeting of the Community Engagement Taskforce is scheduled for January 28, 2022. The task force is to develop ways to better connect with our community. The new Building and Grounds Committee is expected to meet quarterly to ensure unified approach to campus issues. A spiritual life team is being developed to enhance the spiritual health of Good Shepherd.

**Head of School Appointment:** The Good Shepherd School Board will approve the new head of school at its meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022. (Heather Vaughn was appointed Head of School at the meeting)

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is rescheduled to January 30, 2022. There will be one service at 9:00 AM with the meeting scheduled to start at approximately 10:30; All Vestry members are asked to attend.

**2022 Vestry Nominations:** Five individuals are nominated for the Vestry. They are: Akintunde (Akin) Owosina, Ian Anderson, Carol Taylor Block, George L. Hines, and Brad Davis. Four will be selected for three-year terms and one for a two-year term.

**Senior Warden Report:** Heather Graham praise the work of the nominating committee and said that all the candidates were thoughtful in deciding whether to be candidates. Heather also thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their work on the Vestry.

**Junior Warden Report:** Mike Howard identified a series of projects including striping of the parking lots, trim painting, sidewalk washing and repairs at Ridgewood house.

**Thank you to Outgoing Members:** The Reverend Dr. Scharf thanked the outgoing members, Rob Taylor, Kathy Hawken, Steve Pollard and Gwen Gouery for their dedication to the Vestry and to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM with a prayer.