

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – March 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, March 15, 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, 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.

The **agenda** was approved as presented.

Financial Reports: Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for February. Several annual pledges were received in full in February and Pennies continues to be a budget bright spot.

School Financial Reports: The School Financial Reports for January were presented. Fr. Doug stated the school continues to do well financially primarily due to school enrollment tuition revenue exceeding budget.

Delegates to Convention: The church needs to appoint three delegates to diocesan convention and two alternates. The convention will be held in late October at St. Marks and possibly Good Shepherd. In addition to the two-day convention the delegates will participate in two deanery convocations, one in May and one in September. Several Vestry members agreed to participate.

Bishop Search Process

Given the possibility that Fr. Doug may be selected as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Canon Jason Roberson, Canon Missioner for Congregational Vitality, was present to discuss the possible transition. If Fr. Doug is selected the transition process would start immediately. The first step would be to complete a parish wide Congregational Assessment. A parish profile would then be prepared, and a search team appointed. The search team would interview candidates and finalists would visit the parish. The process is expected to take eight to twelve months.

Monthly Reports

Youth Report: Zachary Gouery, the Youth Representative was on vacation. Beth Bohnsack said that the youth are working on a Lenten project and that approximately \$1,250 was raised through the pancake mix fundraiser.

Senior Warden Report: Heather Graham gave thanks to Cannon Roberson for his transition information.

Junior Warden Report: Mike Howard stated that the campus is very busy. This work included: the first meeting of the building and grounds committee; work on siting the new Pennies shed; new plantings in

the memorial garden; and a fence to be installed between the Parish Hall and the labyrinth. In addition, a donation was received for Artie's Party from the contractors that have been using our parking lot.

Other Business: The church is hiring for the vacant positions of Office Coordinator, Business Manager and Sexton. There are two candidates for the Office Coordinator; two candidates for the Business Manager; and one for Sexton. Interviews are ongoing.

The Vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on April 26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with a prayer.