

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – May 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, May 17, 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, Zachery Gouery, Mike Greene, Merike Seely and Mark Chittum.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Bishop Search Process

The Vestry met in Executive session to discuss the rector search process. The discussion focused on the content of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). The CAT is expected to be sent out to the parish for completion in June. In addition, the Vestry will be meeting with Bishop Eaton at the end of May via Zoom to discuss transition issues.

The **agenda** was approved as presented.

Financial Reports: Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for April. There is currently a year-to-date deficit due primarily to the quarterly property insurance payment and other insurance expenses.

School Financial Reports: The School Financial Reports for March was presented. Fr. Doug stated the school continues to do well financially with a significant positive variance at the end of March. School fund raisers have been successful.

Reuss Bequest Allocation: The church has received a bequest. The bequest will be invested in the Endowment Fund. The Vestry thanks the family for the generous bequest.

Monthly Reports

Youth Report: Zachery Gouery, the Youth Representative discussed current and planned activities of the youth group. They included: A successful baccalaureate Sunday; youth helping at Artie's party; youth helping at VBS; youth will be conducting 2 summer breakfasts; the Youth Mission trip will be June 19-24 in Charleston, SC; and Fundraisers will be occurring to support the proposed youth pilgrimage to Nova Scotia in 2023.

Senior Warden Report: Heather Graham thanked Fr. Doug for his more than 5 years of leadership

Junior Warden Report: Mike Howard stated that work around the church continues relatively smoothly. Some issues that are being addressed are: a fenced in storage area, carpet cleaning in the church, Pennies shed and the water pipe on the south side of the property.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on June 21.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.