

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – October 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, October 19, 2021.

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

The meeting opened with prayer.

The **agenda** was approved as presented.

Financial Reports: Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for September. The reports were reviewed in detail and showed that the parish remains in good financial condition. Year to date the parish continues to have a positive operating surplus.

School Financial Reports: School financial reports for August were presented and approved. The school is on budget two months into the fiscal year.

COVID Safety Protocols and procedures: Covid safety protocols will remain in place for the time being. While the positivity rate for the disease is going down it is premature to make any changes to the mask requirement. The situation will continue to be monitored and reevaluated as warranted.

BRIDGE Plan Update: Work of the BRIDGE plan continues. Fr. Larson will be leading two task forces. The first task force will focus on community engagement. The second task force will address anti-racism and diversity, building on earlier church programs. In other matters the Narrative budget for the giving campaign will be distributed on October 31. Giving Sunday is November 14.

2022 Budget Discussion: A summary budget sheet was presented to the Vestry. It showed increases in revenue and expenses. The budget will be further refined, and a final draft budget presented at the November meeting. The final budget will be approved in December.

Appointment of New Vestry Member to Fulfill Unexpired Term: The vacant vestry position will not be filled until the next annual meeting. At that time the position will be filled for a two-year term.

Senior Warden Report: Heather Graham noted that Doug was looking well rested with clergy support from Fr. Larson. Heather also noted the passing of Deacon Mimi Howard and her tremendous contribution to the life of Good Shepherd. Arrangements currently are still pending.

Junior Warden Report: Mike Howard identified completed and ongoing maintenance items/projects. They included: annual fire inspection, improvements to the sports field and labyrinth improvements. Also discussed was the need to replace the shed used by Pennies for Heaven. A solution is pending.

Diocesan Convention: October 24-30th: The convention opens with a virtual Eucharist on Sunday the 24th. All are invited. The business meeting is Monday. There is a Friday Social Event, and the convention concludes on Saturday with formation workshops.

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