

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – October 2022

A 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 18, 2022. The meeting was in person in the library and on Zoom

Members Present: Fr. Derek Larson, Michael Howard, Heather Graham, Carol Block, Matt Ulman, Akintunde Owosina, Beth Bohnsack, Zachery Gouery, Beverley Cunningham, George Hines, Tracy Smith, Mike Greene, Merike Seely and Mark Chittum.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The **agenda** was amended to add the Diocesan Convention and approved as amended.

Financial Reports: Mike Greene reviewed Financial Report for September. There year-to-date deficit continues but was reduced. Additional reductions are expected as the year continues.

School Financial Reports: Senior Warden Heather Graham stated that the school is in excellent fiscal condition starting the new school and fiscal year. The school had net income at the end of August of \$203,019.

Search Committee Update: The search committee met with Bishop Eaton on October 5. The bishop provided good support to the Committee and is committed to being available as needed. The Committee expects to complete the parish profile by November 5 so it can be submitted to the Bishop Eaton prior to him going on sabbatical.

Youth Report: Zachery Gouery provided the youth report. The coffee house reboot will occur on October 21. Youth Sunday is October 30. The youth group will provide grill services at the Pennies Harvest Festival. A lock-in and trip to Universal is scheduled for November. 160 sandwiches were made for the St George feeding ministry. The major fundraiser will be a dinner in the spring.

Senior Warden Report: Heather Graham discussed several items. Progress on retreat action items was conducted. Carol Block discussed her contacts with church ministries regarding the identification of projects to attract additional volunteers. The contacts and evaluation of results are ongoing. Work on QR explainers has been delayed but progress is expected in the next couple of weeks. The prayer crafting program for Community 101 was very successful. Two other programs have been canceled for various reasons. Other programs are scheduled. Progress on youth and music was not available due to absences.

Finally, Heather discussed the status of the Ridgewood property and potential alternative uses. Evaluations of alternative uses are ongoing.

Junior Warden Report: Mike Howard provided an update on various property issues. The school is installing new playground equipment that is expected to be completed between Thanksgiving and Christmas subject to possible shipping issues. The drainage problem in the school roundabout is being

evaluated with proposals being solicited on how to best clean the drain. Proposals for replacing the alarm board are being received with significant variations in quotes. Due to part availability the project may be done in two phases.

Investment Committee open seats: Last month Mark Chittum informed the Vestry that up to three new members are needed for the Investment Committee. To date no names have been received

Giving Team Report: Merike Seely provided an update on the Giving Team plan for the fall annual giving campaign. The sermon series on Generosity is ongoing. The Narrative Budget will be available on October 30. Pledge cards will be sent out on October 28 and Ingathering Sunday will be November 13.

Major Upcoming Events: A list of upcoming events was provided. Heather Graham noted that FCIS is visiting the school for accreditation. Heather requested that Vestry members be visible for these events.

Annual Convention: The annual convention is scheduled for October 28 and 29 at St. Marks. Volunteers are requested to assist with registration on both Friday and Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.