

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Minutes of Vestry Meeting
December 12, 2020

Members present: Fr. Lance Robbins, Rev. Barbara Fornalik, Roch Whitman, Annie Bishop, Tom Wawizycki, Jill Daddis, Chris Nuccitelli, Pauline Stebbins, Ed Kushall, Kris Murray, Cheri Mascitti, Pam Meyris, Dick Robinson
Members absent: Art Mason, Mary Kay Butera

Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- November Minutes
- Finance Report

- Stewardship Campaign update, next steps
- Livestream status/needs?
- Christmas worship plan - any updates?
- Facility updates?

- Annual meeting date/plan & Vestry member nominations
- Lance Parish updates
- New business
- Closing prayer

Old Business:

The November minutes were reviewed. Ed Kushall moved to accept the minutes. Cheri Mascitti seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report

Dick Robinson presented the current Finance Report. He reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report. At this time our expenses exceed our income. This is due to expenses that occurred that were not planned for. We are in much better shape than we were at this time last year. The hope is to break even for the year.

Dick sent out Contribution Statements to parish members as a reminder to them for pledging purposes and as a record for their year-end contributions.

Jill Daddis moved we accept the Finance Report. Cheri Mascitti seconded the motion. The motion was voted on the passed with much thanks to Dick.

Stewardship

Jill reported that we are not doing well with the campaign. Lance will be speaking to this on Sunday. Annie and Jill will start making calls after Wednesday. YTD we have \$190,000 pledged that is a deficit of -\$100,000. The budget for next year will have to be seriously considered as we move the Stewardship campaign along and see where we end up at year's end.

Live Stream

Chris reported that he is still tinkering to get make the production better. Updated hardware will have to be considered. We are getting 90+ views weekly. As talked about last month, a payment option will be displayed on the screen during the service starting with the Christmas Eve service. As a result of our live stream of the Diocesan convention we have received a \$1000.00 donation from the Diocese. Kris M. pointed out that it is hard to find our service when searching for it for Smart TV use. Chris will look into how he can name the liturgy so it will be easier to find. A large portion of the music for Christmas Eve has been recorded and it will be outstanding musically. We will have many, many selections for this service.

Facility

The tree in the front of the church has been cut down and cleaned up, topsoil added and seeded. Tom W. reported the Al's Tree Service did the work. He feels they did an outstanding job.

Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting will be live streamed through Zoom. Only 5 members can be in the sanctuary. The meeting will be January 17 at 11:15 am. Roch will send out an agenda for the meeting. The Vestry will have to meet before the Annual meeting. The next Vestry meeting will be January 14 at 6:30 pm. We have 2 new members joining vestry. They are Wayne Dalperdange and Lori Snyder. We still have an opening for one more member.

Parish Update

Church members will be going out to the shut-ins to sing Christmas carols for them.

We have published our first quarterly magazine.

The Diocese has a new administrative assistant for Bishop Singh.

New Business

The Narthex will be open on December 26th to drop off the donations from the reverse Advent Calendar. The food items will be donated to Meal and More.

Thank you, Tom W., Mary Kay B., and Annie B., for your time on the Vestry. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris