

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
Minutes of Vestry Meeting  
November 6, 2022

Members present: Fr. Lance Robbins,, Pauline Stebbins. Diane Babcock, Ed Kushall, Cheri Mascitti, Art Mason, Pam Meyris, Peter Rothfuss, Kathy Stokes, Don White, Bruce Dunn

Members absent:  
Rev. Barbara Fornalik  
Wayne Delperdange

Agenda  
Prayer  
Minutes  
Finance Report/Stewardship update  
By-laws  
Vestry Members for new year  
Questionnaire  
Bishop's Visit  
Update

Father Lance opened the vestry meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Pauline S. moved that the minutes be approved as received. Ed K. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance reports

Bruce reported that the church is doing well financially. Bruce is working on the budget for 2023. He will be asking the church's current committees to submit their needs for the upcoming year. He has received reports from Music and Outreach. He does not want to have to guess on the needs of the others. Pledge vs. Budget: \$112,000 has currently been pledged. This is about ¼ of the membership. Ed K. moved we accept the current financial reports. Diane B. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

By-Laws

The current by-laws were reviewed and updated as follows:

The Vestry will put before the congregation their proposal for the revision of the Good Shepherd Constitution and By Laws. In order to do this, it is written that any revisions must be presented before the annual meeting. The vestry is proposing the following revisions:

Constitution

Adopted 1963  
[Revisited January 2023](#)

Article III

## Government

The Vestry is the governing body of the Parish. It shall consist of the Rector two wardens and 9 vestry persons (changed from 12 persons). The duties of the Vestry and the terms of office of its members shall be as set forth in the by laws. At each annual meeting one warden and 3 members (change from 4 to 3 members) of the vestry shall be elected to office.

## Article IV

### Amendments

The by laws may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters present and voting at an annual or special meeting. Written notice embodying such by laws or amendments must first have been given openly at a previous meeting or posting of the amendment(s) one month prior to the annual meeting and also in the notices of the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

## II Government

### Section 1 Vestry

f) 11. Delete this statement – Form a nominating committee of four vestry members and the incumbent warden to present nominations for offices to be filled at the annual meeting

### Section 2 Wardens

(a) Delete – One warden shall be elected each year for a two-year term. Replace with: One Junior Warden will be elected for a two-year term. During the second year of the Junior Warden's term the Junior Warden will become the Senior Warden. After serving two consecutive years, a warden must wait two years before again becoming eligible for election as warden and one year for vestry member.

### Section 3 Vestry

(a) Four (delete) Replace with Three vestry members shall be elected each year for a three-year term. A person must wait one year after the expiration of his/her term before becoming eligible for election as a member of the vestry.

Pam will publish the changes in the update, convert the current By-law document to Word format and post in the Narthex.

Cheri moved to accept the current changes made to the by-laws. Diane B. seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

The new, incoming vestry members for 2023 will be: Annie Bishop, Kris Murray and Tom Yourch. Members leaving will be: Pauline, Wayne, Ed, and Cheri.

### CHAT questionnaire

Pete reported that he has received 6 responses as of today. He asked that we send in our responses so he can tally and report at our next meeting. He will close the survey on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This will give him time to compile the data.

### Bishop visit

The Bishop will be visiting Good Shepherd on December 18. He may want to meet with the vestry prior to his visit. Lance has not heard if and when that will happen. The Standing Committee formed to search for our new bishop is having listening sessions for the Diocese to attend and ask questions regarding the process or anything else that we have questions about. The closest session to Good Shepherd will be at St. Luke's in Fairport on November 21.

#### Update

We have had 3 funerals and 1 baptism in the last 10 days.

The Diocesan Convention was held at Good Shepherd. There were 175 members interacting remotely and in-person. Thank you to Chris and Bruce for making this go so well.

#### New Business

Time and Talent – should we have one in the near future? Discussion followed and Cheri M. volunteered to organize this. Ed K. volunteered to help her. Epiphany Sunday is the target date for the presentation. This would be in the month of February.

Father Lance ended the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris