

Church of the Good Shepherd
Vestry Meeting
May 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH was held on May 19, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference. In attendance were the Reverend Michael Greene, Rector, Jill Rosier, Sr. Warden, Sandy Desharnais, Jr. Warden, Becky Lentz, Treasurer, Sue Corman, Clerk, Lisa Macaraeg, Dave Insley, Richard Binder, Paige Schaller, Kathy Blair, Marybeth Snow, Don Yelton, John Rowntree, Maureen LeGallo, and Sinead Macaraeg, Youth rep. Missing were Karen Desjadon, John Lewis, and Marcie Byrd.

The meeting opened at approximately 7:05PM with Pastor Mike sharing a prayer for industry and commerce.

Consents and Reports:

Pastor Mike submitted his report via email prior to the meeting.

Reports were submitted by the Sr. and Jr. Wardens. Security enhancement bids are ongoing. The future of fundraising, especially the Comedy Night show and HarvestFest are uncertain.

Old Business:

The Curate Search has been completed. An offer will go to Greg Baker who will be ordained into the Transitional Diaconate on June 13, 2020.

New Business:

Pastor Mike gave an update on the Bishop's plan to begin phase one opening of churches. This would include small gatherings of 10 people or less for funerals, baptisms, and weddings. The Vestry is creating a subcommittee to explore and develop a plan to phase in the reopening the church in conjunction with the Bishop's plan.

Service times for our summer schedule were discussed by the Vestry members. It was agreed upon that the summer service will be held at 9:45AM via Zoom. It will be preceded by a virtual fellowship hour as well as time after the service for continued virtual coffee hour.

The Pride parade and celebrations for Nashua have been cancelled, there is a plan in the works for some virtual events on June 27, 2020. A small group of CGS parishioners, led by Amanda Blair, will explore how we as a parish will participate.

An exploratory committee was created to consider our involvement in a Literacy Center for the new Soup Kitchen shelter.

MT's has requested to overflow their outdoor seating in front of the church, the Vestry has agreed to allow this especially considering how much support they have given CGS over the years. This is an opportunity to give back to them while supporting our small business neighbor.

Dave Insley recommended that a sign be placed on the front lawn of the church to invite folks to join us for online worship. Pastor Mike will have a sign made.

The Vestry will meet again on June 2, 2020.
The meeting ended at 8:30 PM with a prayer led by Pastor Mike.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Corman
Clerk of the Vestry