

Church of the Good Shepherd
Vestry Meeting
December 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH was held on December 15, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference. In attendance were, Pastor Mike Greene, Deacon Greg Baker, Curate, Deacon Nancy, Jill Rosier, Sr. Warden, Sandy Desharnais, Jr. Warden, Becky Lentz, Treasurer, Sue Corman, Clerk, Dave Insley, Lisa Macaraeg, Kathy Blair, Marybeth Snow, Maureen LeGallo, Paige Schaller, Marcie Byrd, Don Yelton, Richard Binder, John Rowntree, John Lewis, and Sinead Macaraeg, Youth Rep.

The meeting opened at approximately 7:02PM with prayer led by Pastor Greg.

COVID-19 Response: Pastor Mike began with a discussion regarding the temporary closing of the church office. Abbie was exposed to COVID and is in quarantine. Office hours will be limited and visits by appointment only. The office may be closed completely depending on Mike's discussion with Laurie and considering her concerns. The COVID Response team decided that no updates to the current COVID policy are needed at this time. They will meet after the new year at which time there may be more information regarding the vaccine.

Consents and Reports:

Rector's Report was submitted online prior to the meeting.

Curate's Report- was submitted online prior to the meeting.

Committee Reports were submitted online prior to the meeting for Vestry review.

Additional Comments:

- Youth Rep, Sinead Macaraeg reported that the youth are finishing the "Blessing Bags" and have a plan in place for the collection of bags. The first Mission Trip meeting was held in hopes that the trip will still happen. Most of the discussion was regarding what COVID policies are being worked out by the organizers. A scaled down "Gathering of the Greens" will happen on December 20.
- Sr. Warden, Jill Rosier highlighted that the CGS cookbook sales are ongoing. She thanked everyone for sending out Christmas cards to parishioners.
- Jr. Warden, Sandy Desharnais highlighted continuing work smoke alarms and the sprinkler valve is complete, as well as the insurance claim for the leak in a Sunday School classroom.
- Treasure, financials were submitted prior to the meeting for vestry members review, no concerns were raised. Pastor Mike added that work on the budget is progressing with hopes for another government grant to support payroll in the new year. The 2021 budget will plan for the first half of the year continuing remotely and then in person for the remainder of the year. Because of the PPP grant and the church being closed, there will be a slight surplus in the 2020 budget that will be rolled in the 2021 budget.
- Stewardship, Dave Insley updated the pledge drive progress. Currently 162 pledges have been received which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the usual amount.
- Green Team is back! John Rowntree reported that they are looking into a Diocesan light bulb exchange program and will recommend a company to do an energy audit in January.

A motion was made by Richard Binder to accept the reports into record, second by Sandy Desharnais. The reports were accepted unanimously.

Old Business: Mike reviewed the Christmas service plans. Sales of the pasta sauce are doing well, Mike mentioned that drivers may be needed to help deliver sauce before the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday. Richard Binder commended Rick Ruo and Don Fluckinger for making and canning the sauce. The CGS By Laws are being updated and a draft was submitted for review. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Sandy Desharnais, Dave Insley, Maureen LeGallo, Lisa Macaraeg, and Sue Corman, have had some success in recruiting candidates and are still waiting for commitments from a few people. We are still waiting on supplies for the tech upgrades in the church.

New Business: Bishop Rob will join us for Virtual services on January 24, 2021. Pastor Mike is considering the possibility of holding a virtual Epiphany meal and service on January 6th. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 31, 2021. Paige Schaller offered to help set up the virtual polling feature for voting at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:56 PM with a prayer led by Deacon Nancy.
The next Vestry Meeting will be held on January 12, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Corman
Clerk of the Vestry