

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bluemont VA - Meeting Notes

Subject: Virtual Vestry Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Attendees: Rev. Debbie Rutter, Lois Tapscott, Tim Hall, Judy Hall, Josette Keelor, and toward the end Linda Bailey

Start time: Began at 6:32 p.m. with a prayer and breathing exercise, followed by recognition and approval of last meeting's minutes.

Financial report

The budget shows an addition of \$3,500 into the building fund from this year's Scott Grant. The congregation has agreed to collect money for Jerusalem through May 16, and Lois said we have \$160 so far. We plan to make an announcement on Pentecost Sunday of how much we have collected. Cindy confirmed the credit card from BB&T was sent to her and said that Tim should order one too since he's in charge of maintenance for the church.

Worship planning

We've had two live and virtually streamed services so far. Judy said someone told her the sound was 90% better on Week 2 thanks to the external mic and internal webcam, though Lois commented that Tim wasn't as loud during the Gospel reading as during his sermon. Josette's singing came through fine. Tim and Josette resolved to sit in the alter chairs to be on camera.

Rev. Connor Newlun plans to visit in May, and Judy proposed we plan with Debbie to write up questions to ask him. We now know Connor is serving the Sharpsburg church every Sunday. Tim suggested we meet after church one day to talk over our questions.

Facilities

Tim planned to meet with Mr. Juarez on April 16 to talk about the roof and Ron Jenkins to talk about the ceiling. We're looking for suggestions on who can work on the ceiling in the parish hall. Judy said we can apply for post-COVID relief, though the diocese only has \$60K to give for all of Virginia. Tim said we can also use funds from the Mustard Seed Grant, which we've never received before.

Outreach

Tim spoke on the proposal he made in church on Sunday to formalize the tins we gave at Christmas and prayers we're giving to neighbors in Pine Grove, calling it the Good Shepherd Saint Thomas Project to honor what Thomas did in spreading the Gospel far and wide – what we can do in Pine Grove.

Tim also suggested helping people get registered for vaccinations, though Cindy doesn't think it's an issue for people to sign up if they want a vaccine. Tim said he would be happy to pass out info and be at the church at particular times to help people sign up. Debbie suggested posting something in the newspaper about it. Judy knows of a church in Texas doing this and said she'll do research and report back to the Vestry.

Other outreach ideas included an online prayer board where people can request prayers, which Judy said our email could also help facilitate.

Other Business

Judy mentioned an open budget hearing and on the 24th and a special convention to pass the budget, because it wasn't passed at the last convention.

The CCM report is due in May, and Josette volunteered to type of the twice-yearly report.

Lois and Josette arranged to meet to update the book at church and transfer Judy's membership from her old church.

Lois said Ralph emailed a new email address, which she'll forward to Tim.

We closed with a collect for purity.

End: 7:29 p.m.