

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bluemont VA – Meeting Notes

Subject: Virtual Vestry Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021

Attendees: Rev. Debbie Rutter, Lois Tapscott, Tim Hall, Judy Hall, Josette Keelor, Richard Purnell, Cindy Ingram, Linda Bailey

Start time: Began about 6:05 p.m. with opening prayer and check-in

Financial Status

After approving the minutes from the Oct. 29, 2020 meeting, Cindy gave the treasurer's report. The bank statement showed that income was a little down in 2020 and off by about \$5,600, despite COVID. The budget was less than the actual final number, and Tim said we're \$8,600 ahead. Some unexpected income came from holdover diocese aid from 2019.

Zoom has been \$15.74 a month (now \$14.99/month) and Constant Contact is \$12.50 for first three months but will go up to \$20. A discussion on internet service at church is needed.

2021 Budget

Leading the discussion, Tim said he's hopeful of plate offerings surpassing those of 2020. The diocese CCM grant has been approved for \$13,900 because of COVID concerns and less revenue in 2020. AA might be contributing \$100 per month. Good Shepherd has pledged 10% to the diocese and will send that along with \$200 for the regional pledge. We'll need to see how the vicar's compensation goes. The budget includes funding for a pianist and music coordinator for the year, but there's no pianist at moment (budgeted for \$50/week.) The calendar has 11 Sundays for supply clergy, but we'll likely need more Sundays. In 2020, we budgeted \$2K for routine maintenance. In 2021, we're planning to spend \$5K on routine maintenance if we get the \$3K Scott Grant. We're looking at \$42,517 total expenses, with \$38,126 total income and a deficit budget of \$4,391. Expenses are projected for about \$22K, but a balance sheet that's included shows more capital improvements and \$5K extra from 2020.

Church Business

Concerning repairs, gutters haven't been cleaned yet; Tim suggested leaving it to nature. Lois said the cleaning service has been covering only the downstairs.

Tim asked about getting an outside light (with possible Christmas lights) and insurance for it as well as borrowing a lawnmower. Money is needed for the building fund. We also need to address the sign. The Scott Foundation 2020 grant request was for \$3,500.

Debbie has agreed to sign a contract with us! We're looking for guidance.

In the 2021 vestry elections, everyone kept their previous positions of four wardens plus a register/registrar (or secretary) and two other members, Judy and Richard.

- Lois: Senior warden
- Tim: Junior warden
- Chair: ???
- Cindy: Treasurer
- Josette: Register
- Judy and Richard: Members

Judy said we should look for others who want to be vestry members, so members can to pick something they want to work on more easily.

Richard agreed to be region delegate for 2021 along with Lois. Lois as warden, with Tim as junior warden, needs to send an email to Sandy from the region. Judy said we need to declare who the region delegates are and volunteered herself as alternate to the region delegate. Tim said the next convention will be electronic and motioned Richard and Judy as delegates, seconded by Cindy, unanimously approved. Judy is also diocesan conventions delegate, unanimously approved. Lois said we don't get an alternate.

Richard fired himself from the search committee. Rev Deb recommended we decide what we want before revisiting our search committee.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Feb. 21 after church. Cindy will take care of the budget for that. Tim asked Debbie what else we should talk about, and she suggested building community, making them feel connected, and asking what questions they have.

Parochial Report

Nothing to report, really, but Tim needs the vestry members to review the info on the diocesan website and add the date of our review. The membership page is up there too. Lois, Josette, and Tim need to talk about this sometime soon. We filled out the DFMS Report filing site survey. We're still looking for feedback and help with our electronic communications of announcements and news. Judy said she's working on changing the website address to add a physical address and set up an email. Tim asked about improving our newsletter, and Judy asked about receiving prayer requests by email.

Worship and Event Planning

Nothing was decided on reopening plans. Lent is coming, and we're still discussing Lenten programs.

Closed with prayer: Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.