

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**VESTRY ZOOM MEETING**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**

**Vestry Members Present:** Christie Barbee, John Beck, Maggie Fyfe, Anna Howard, Susan Jackson, Caryn Meade, Chas Sharp, Michael Springston, Martin Taylor, Jennifer Tlusty and Rob Zucker; and Cle Newsom-Registrar.

**Vestry Absent:** Jamey Bass

**Clergy Present** Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser  
Rev. Joyce C. Cunningham  
Rev. Brooks Graebner

**Clergy Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Graebner at 6:03pm.

**I. Opening Prayer:**

Rev. Graebner led us with an opening prayer.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by acclimation.

**III. Approval of the August Minutes**

A motion was made by Anna Howard to approve the January 2020 minutes. Seconded by Susan Jackson. Motion carried. Going forward, motions will not be necessary. The Registrar will ask if there are any revisions and if none, the minutes will be accepted.

**IV. Priest-in-Charge (Written report attached and made a part of these minutes)**

Rev. Graebner referred the Vestry members to his written report. There were no updates to discuss.

**V. Associate Rector's Report (Written report attached and made a part of these minutes)**

Rev. Cunningham referred the Vestry members to her written report. There were no updates to discuss.

**VI. Senior Warden Report (Written report attached and made a part of these minutes)**

Christie Barbee referred to her written report for details. She also thanked Rev. Graebner for his 3 months of leadership, guidance, and wisdom. Christie asked Vestry members to contact her regarding their committee interests. She will be meeting with Rev. Rhodenhiser to discuss the committees for 2021.

She also reported that the Raleigh BoyChoir have signed the lease agreement, with a March 1, 2021 beginning date.

**VII. Junior Warden Report (Written report attached and made a part of these minutes)**

Jennifer Tlusty referred the Vestry members to her written report. There were no updates to discuss.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report (Written report attached and made a part of these minutes)**

In Jamey's absence, Christie reviewed the January financial report. The \$83,000 PPP loan has been officially forgiven. The next principal payment on the Parish Life Center is due in April 2021 in an amount just under \$106,000. The Sure Foundation funds will be used for this purpose. Several Vestry members had questions about the Sure Foundation funds for a Youth Director (older children). Rev. Rhodenhiser explained that the positions dedicated for our children were split into two, one for the younger children (Children's Ministry) and one for the older children (Youth Director). Unfortunately, the candidates for the Youth Director position never showed up for their interviews. Then COVID hit, and the process was halted. Anna mentioned it was her understanding that the funds were dedicated to a Youth Director for the 2019-2020 timeframe. Christie stated she would follow up with Jamey for further information.

**IX. Parochial Report**

Rev. Cunningham reviewed this year's Parochial Report to get an approval from the Vestry. The Parochial Report has been revised with new questions and narratives. The Vestry questioned some of the terms used in the report. Having received answers to the Vestry's questions, Anna made a motion to approve the Parochial Report. The motion was seconded by Rob Zucker. Motion carried.

**X. Delegates to the Convention**

Under current rules, the convention must be held in person. There will be a drive-in meeting on March 6 in Chapel Hill, to honk an approval for a resolution to hold the convention virtually. We need to replace two of our delegates, Martha Hays and Cary Edgar, with Will and Christie Barbee. The Vestry approved the change in delegates. The Registrar will complete a Certification of Change in Lay Delegation for each delegate and submit to the Diocese.

**XI. BBC Grants**

Rev. Cunningham explained the Becoming Beloved Community grants that are available. Documents have been uploaded to the Vestry Folders drop box. Esther Hall has grant-writing experience and will help. Rev. Cunningham encouraged the Vestry to think about how we can support our community. Grant requests must be submitted by April 12, 2021.

**XII. In-Person Worship**

Rev. Cunningham stated that as of now, the Diocese has not yet approved any in-person worship services. However, there is a possibility we may be granted

permission for Lent with a maximum attendance of 10 people, including clergy. A question was raised regarding resuming outdoor services. Rev. Cunningham thinks the earliest possibility is Palm Sunday. Anna asked if we could pass along to the Diocese the amount of people who object to not being able to worship in person. Jennifer Tlusty added that we are losing parishioners to other churches that are meeting, and we may not get these parishioners back. She said we need to have the opportunity to worship in person, especially on Easter.

### **XIII. Closing Prayer**

Rev. Cunningham ended the meeting with a poem/prayer by Dawna Markova.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted:

*Cle E. Newsom*

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