

2021 Annual Meeting of The Church of Good Shepherd

A virtual annual meeting of the Church of Good Shepherd was held January 17th, 2021. Attendees: Earl Kooperkamp, Elizabeth Kooperkamp, Phil Moros, Beth Mueller, Bill Crowther, Marjorie Strong, Ron & Christina Hirsch, Peter & Cindy Cobb, Linda Wentworth, Nancy Hansen, Tess Taylor, Felicia Martineau, Linda Webster, Rick Fiddock, Cindy Willis, Russell Belding, Lori Belding and two others.

Earl Kooperkamp began with a prayer.

Rick Fiddock read the behavioral covenant.

Review of the Minutes of Annual Meeting: Tess Taylor moved to accept the minutes; Cindy Cobb seconded; motion carried.

Senior Warden Report by Phil Moros: Phil shared Zoom was our choice to stay connected. Reminder to remember 2020 and what we went through.

Junior Warden Report by Bill Crowther: Bill was pleased by response and support in doing various projects. There are challenges ahead especially the rectory.

2021 Budget: Tess Taylor presented the budget. Difficult to pull together because of unknowns. Conservative in approach to income. Expenses down because not using building and using Zoom for worship. Separated out a capital budget this year. Budget had been moved by vestry; Chris Hirsch seconded; followed with questions and discussion. Cindy Cobb moved the budget be amended to include \$1,200 for supply clergy and \$75.00 for safe deposit box; Ron Hirsh seconded; amendment carried. Budget was approved unanimously.

Year End Report and Balance Sheet: Tess Taylor said we are doing well in stewardship of Good Shepherd and in good shape for going forward. There was a discussion about diversifying investments with emphasis on socially responsible.

Election of Vestry Member: Earl Kooperkamp thanked Rick Fiddock for vestry service. Linda Wentworth nominated for vestry member; unanimous vote for Linda Wentworth.

Convention Delegates: Tess Taylor, Linda Wentworth and Phil Moros nominated for delegates to convention; Ron Hirsch, Elizabeth Kooperkamp and Cindy Cobb nominated for Alternate Delegates; both slates of candidates were approved unanimously.

Connections for Change – Beth Mueller presented recap of what has happened. Turned the corner at last meeting but paused since then. Looking for support in finding way to reach out before church is open and how we get this up and running again once church is open.

Small Group Discussions: Because of numbers and time, reverting to general group discussion with Beth Mueller addressing Connections for Change; Cindy Cobb about the Breakfast Program; Bill Crowther and Marjorie Strong about facilities; and new mission ideas with Phil Moros and Linda Wentworth.

Beth Mueller is open to ideas about how to restart Connection for Change and find a way to be of service before we are able to meet in person.

Cindy Cobb said we have done breakfast for over a decade and may be time to transition this to others (state?). We should address this with other churches involved before deciding anything.

Bill Crowther's goal was to have a good roof and four walls for both church and rectory. We need to address roof at rectory and kitchen. Earl Kooperkamp suggested putting together a Property Committee.

Earl Kooperkamp said we have put together an Organ Committee with Ron Hirsch and Marjorie Strong on it. Organ Project report shared with all. Ron Hirsch shared present organ is not fixable and what work has been done toward new organ.

Linda Wentworth shared a potential food program for Central Vermont as way to reach out to community and involve younger people. She would also like to find a way for us to connect with people who are incarcerated.

Phil Moros shared his thoughts and concerns about mission. Problem with mission is how to keep people safe and not take on more than we can handle. He would like to revisit the green market idea. Maybe connect with artists who are not working and join with them to provide an online program to engage children and pay the artists.

Tess Taylor wants to do something for the 10 year anniversary of Occupy. Maybe an online event giving history and what has happened.

Christine Hirsch suggested everyone put together a blurb of their ideas. Earl Kooperkamp asked everyone to send the blurbs to him and he will get them to everyone with a recap of the meeting.

Cindy Cobb made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ron & Christine Hirsch seconded; motion carried.

Earl Kooperkamp concluded meeting with a prayer.