

Highlights of the December 19th Vestry Meeting:

Your Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday December 19th @ 11:30AM. Here are some of the "highlights" of the meeting:

- George Funk of the Treasury Team gave the monthly financial report. George reported that we had a very good month of November, with a balance in all accounts (as of 11/30) of **\$359,894.73** (this includes **\$44,700.59** in the Good Shepherd endowment) and a surplus of more than \$54K. George pointed out that actual income **\$218,173.83** is 109% of budgeted income. George (and the Treasury team) presented the Vestry with a preliminary budget for 2022 of **\$283,621.51**. The Vestry discussed the proposal and will vote at the January 9th, 2022 Vestry meeting.
- Discussed a proposal to return to the in-person worship protocols in light of the alarming increase in the Covid infection rate in Gloucester City. Over the past week. After a lengthy discussion, the Vestry decided not to approve the proposal and to continue the current policy (masks required of all worshippers and "voluntary" social distancing encouraged). The Vestry did approve a proposal to ask all in-person worshippers to register their attendance on a "*sign-up sheet*" to facilitate contact tracing if necessary.
- Received a written report from the chair of the Discernment Committee (Jeff Bathurst) that the committee has begun interviewing prospective candidates which responded to the "re-posting" of Good Shepherd's profile, and the process continues.
- Heard a report from Fr. Dave announcing his plans to continue to serve as Interim Rector until Ash Wednesday (March 2nd). Fr. Dave and Susan will be taking a six week camping trip to western US. Upon his return, he will be available to do weekend supply until the next Rector is "on board". Fr. Dave also reported that average weekend worship attendance in November was 82 (a slight increase over October) and announced that there will be no Christmas morning service on December 25th as only 4 people expressed an interest in attending.
- Approved an extension of Fr. Dave's contract as Interim Rector until March 2nd, 2022.
- Approved a proposal to designate 20% of the net proceeds from the Holy Fair to support ***Episcopal Relief and Development's*** Disaster Response to the devastat-