

The February 9, 2021 vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order via Zoom with reflection and prayer at 5:32 p.m. The rector began with thoughts based on a practice of the late former Secretary of State George Shultz of closing his door for an hour a week to let his mind wander. The application for vestries is that we should not focus so much on financials and just get through the agenda that we do not allow ourselves as the group lay leadership to think creatively, to let our minds wander and to wonder what the Holy Spirit may be doing so that we are joining in that mission. As we come out of the pandemic, it is important that we do all we can to ensure everyone's safety and that we carefully consider what ministries from the past we should continue and what may be better for our spiritual growth as Emmanuel begins a second century of prayer in this building.

Members present: Lark Adams, Charlie Christ, Pierce Elliott, Jo Anne Hairston, Janet Jayne, Scott Lamie, Ed Powers, Daniel Shew, Candy Snodgrass, Dave Zochowski. Staff members: Kristie McElheny, Adriel Slaughter.

Members absent: Megan Clark, Cher Young

Guests: Rachel Morgan, Mark Morgan

The minutes from the January 9, 2021 retreat were unanimously approved.

Rector – Fr. Joe Dunagan

- Livestream numbers are steady. There is still a small group of people who attend Eucharist and all are following social distancing guidelines and wearing masks.
- Mark Morgan, Emmanuel's delegate to Diocesan Council reported about this year's event.
- Ash Wednesday will be livestream only. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be a full Eucharist.

Senior Warden – Candy Snodgrass

- Organ donations are coming in. We are currently at \$230,076 in pledges.

Junior Warden – Dave Zochowski

- Checked a few places for new flooring for the undercroft. Fr. Joe and Daniel Shew will measure the area and submit the measurements to Dave.

Treasurer – Daniel Shew

- Motion made by Daniel Shew to accept the 2021 budget. Second provided by Charlie Christ. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary – Lark Adams. No report.

Staff Reports

- Organist and Choir Director – Stephanie Yoder. No report.

Director of Formation Ministries – Adriel Slaughter

- Catechesis has continued to meet virtually on Sunday mornings. We will continue to do this. We have a Lent program coming up that will allow us to focus on prayer. I have materials for families that will be available to pick up Saturday (2/13). These materials are things families can do at home on their own to support Lenten reflection. We will do them together with those who join us Sunday morning.
- Youth have gone asynchronous. I have recorded video reflections on the scripture for that week and have sent those digitally. We are planning to resume Zoom meetings during Lent.
- I am meeting with the diocese Thursday, 2/11 to debrief on the Allyship training. Following up with that, Rene Rogers and I are planning an informational meeting for those interested at Emmanuel.

Parish Administrator – Kristie McElheny

- Working to complete the parochial report that is due to the diocese by March 1.
- All 2020 year end statements were mailed out January 29.
- Our contract with ACS will end February 23.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.