## Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, January 28, 2024

*Draft minutes by Jean Norman. These will be amended as needed and approved at the next annual meeting in January 2025. Email corrections to office@goodshepherdogden.comcastbiz.net.*

50 parishioners attended in person and two via Zoom. (another 8 children were playing in the youth room)

1. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in the downstairs dining room.

The Rev. Cn. Mary June Nestler and Madre Isabel Gonzalez opened with prayer.

1. Teller Appointment

Jan Lyons and Dan Johnston were appointed as tellers.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Gina Trimble is the correct spelling of the Vestry candidate.

Aldaberto not Aldoberto

Dave Lundstrom moved and Mary Kate McGoon seconded to accept the minutes.

Unanimously approved.

1. Acknowledgement of Departing Vestry Members

Billie Wilson was thanked for completing two years of an unfinished three-year term.

Gena Trimble was thanked for filling a one-year term.

Dan Johnston was thanked for filling his time as senior warden.

Gifts were given to Gena and Dan, and one will be given to Billie when she returns.

1. Introduction of Vestry Nominees

The following people were introduced as vestry nominees:

* Gena Trimble Ordway
* Fernando Salgado
* Belle Schwarzenbach

The floor was opened for other nominations for Vestry. None were put forward.

1. Election of 3 Vestry Members
   1. Karen Poggemeyer moved to accept the slate by acclamation. Rich seconded. There were no objections.
2. Nomination and Election of 4 Convention Delegates

The floor was opened for nominations to the Diocesan Cathedral. Candidates must be available to attend. The top four vote-getters will be delegates and the next four will be alternates. Four delegates and two alternates will be sent to the convention.

* Josue Almanza 20
* Yadira Infante 23
* Mary Kate Moore 19
* Fernando Salgado 19

**Alternates:**

* Sam McGoon 17
* Cynthia Hudgens 16
* Beth Clemenger 15
* Karen Onders 12
* Steve Bauter 11
* Rick Sanchez 10

1. The 2023 Treasurer’s Report; 2024 Budget

Mary June+ noted that the parish budget does not receive support from the diocese. We are self-supporting. The exception is Madre Isabel is paid by the diocese.

* Treasurer Melanie Beckstead presented the budget for 2024.
* Pledges are down significantly for 2024 from 2023. Expected income is down.
* Expenses are up a bit: utilities and other inflationary costs. These estimates are based on end-of-2023 numbers.
* The budget includes the salary for a new rector-elect as of March 1, 2024.
* We are estimated to be $50,000 short. The parish will need to be mindful of spending.
* We have had this situation before, and we have come through.

Mary June+ noted that the treasurer job takes 15-16 hours a month.

Part of the Episcopal heritage is that the financials are transparent. All parishioners have a right to ask questions. Monthly reports are posted.

Mary June+ encouraged those who have not made a pledge to do so. All pledges are confidential and can be changed during the year.

1. Presentation and Adoption

Proposal to change the Good Shepherd By-Laws  
   a. Who may serve as Treasurer

* Jean explained that the amendment would make it so that the treasurer no longer has to be a member of the parish. Mary June+ explained that this is happening more often diocese-wide. It is not needed this year, but it would protect us in the future. The treasurer does not have a vote on the Vestry as the treasurer but may be a member of the vestry.
* It was suggested that the bylaws also include a note that if it is somewhere outside the parish that there should be a contract with the person.
* Bonnie moved to table the proposal.
* It was noted that you can’t have a fully fleshed out contract until you have the other party.
* Jay Stretch moved to accept the change to the bylaws as presented.
  + Joe seconded
* Lee Hardy moved to table the resolution. Cynthia seconded.
  + Majority voted to table. 3 opposed.
  + The Vestry will need to bring a more comprehensive proposal to the next annual meeting.

b. Clarifying language: clerk/recorder

Jay moved to accept this bylaw change. Bonnie Taylor seconded. The motion passed. None opposed.

1. Interim Priest’s Report – questions and comments
   1. Mary June+ recognized the Sunday school program.
   2. Mary June+ talked about the pastoral care provided by the priest, deacon and Madre Isabel. “It has been one of the greatest, deepest times that I have,” she said. She noted many funerals and one wedding during this year.
   3. Madre Isabel gave a report noting that the Santa Maria got chairs from St. Barnabas Chapel in Tooele.
   4. The Rev. Deacon Patti reported on Daughters of the King and Lay Eucharistic Visitors.
   5. Mary June+ noted that Patti will be absent for a couple of months because of a serious surgery.

     Senior Warden’s Report – questions and comments

Dan thanked Melanie for her role as treasurer. He thanked Linda Harden for her role as parish administrator and Jan Lyons for taking over that role.

     Junior Warden’s Report – questions and comments

Jean discussed the Sacred Places grant and repairs to the Narthex. Good Shepherd will try again for this national grant.

1. Presentation of Reports (most by title) – questions and comments

Parishioners were referred to the written reports. Are there questions?

Jay Stretch moved, Karen Poggemeyer seconded to receive the reports. Unanimous vote.

1. Thanksgivings, Awards and Appointments

* Dan Johnston is leaving as senior warden.
* Mary June+ appointed Jay Stretch as the new senior warden. He was co-chair of the Search Committee. He knows the rector-elect and the congregation well. It’s a one-year appointment.
* The junior warden will be elected by the Vestry members.
* Mary June+ appointed Rich Bauter as treasurer.
* Directress of the Altar Guild will be Sue Ann Thomas. Mary June+ thanked Nancy Arnett, the outgoing directress.
* The Search Committee was thanked for their work this year.
  + Jay Stretch
  + Cynthia Hudgens
  + Marie Kawaguchi
  + Sue Ann Thomas
  + Karen Poggemeyer
  + Pedro Salgado
  + Sam McGoon
  + (Clay Dyer was absent)
* Rosa was thanked for her work keeping the church clean.
* The music director and organist were thanked.
* Linda Harden and Jan Lyons were thanked for their work as parish administrator.
* Madre Isabel and Deacon Patti were thanked for their support in ministry to Mary June+
* The senior warden and junior warden were thanked.
* The Vestry Crosses were awarded:
  + Steve Bauter for Good Shepherd
  + Marisol Figueroa for El Buen Pastor
* Mary June+ thanked the entire Vestry for its dedication.
* She thanked those who worked on the Christmas pageant. 102 people attended.

1. Necrology

The parish stood and remembered those who died during the year from the congregation.

* Lydia Alejandre
* Sharon Peterson Morgan
* William Eldon Graham
* Jacquelyn Leone Bergstrom
* Brent Coleman Richards
* Barbara Blanche Brain Greiner Anderson

1. Closing Prayer and Adjournment
   1. Dan Johnston moved to adjourn at 1:53 p.m. The meeting adjourned.