**Summary of the January 17, 2017 Vestry Meeting**

Attending: Interim Rector and all 12 Vestry Members were present.

The meeting came to order at 7:02pm with Bible Study followed by Prayer.

**Consent Agenda Items** approved: \*Dec. 20, 2016 Minutes; \*Finance Committee Report’ \*Rental Ministry Reports; \*Worship committee Report. (Building & Grounds Report forthcoming).

**Matters for Discussion and Approval** included:

* The **Search Committee** reported Focus Groups and the Parish Survey are completed. Analysis will be sent to the Vestry and Parish end of January and to the diocese early February (ideal timing for prospective rectors). Adult Forum to be held at the end of February. Rev. Mary Thorpe will work with the Search Committee as they review résumés for 6 weeks.
* The Vestry unanimously approved the consolidation of **Funds for New Initiatives** into the **Operating Reserve Fund** to eliminate two funds for the same purpose.
* Parishioners have been wonderfully responsive to our Stewardship Campaign with pledges of $659,000 which is the basis of our **2017 Budget**. The Vestry approved the Finance Committee recommendation that the 2016 surplus funds be used toward any potential 2017 deficit and provide a small surplus for the 2018 budget with remaining funds to be split between the Operating Reserve Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund. Rev. Bruce recommends we invest additional funds into the Music Program and the Children’s Formation Program.
* The **Annual Meeting** will be held in the Nave during the 10:15am Service on **Feb. 5, 2017** with the **Parish Breakfast** following immediately.
* The **Workshop** for the New Vestry will be held on **Sat. Feb. 11** at **9:00am** here in Room 6.
* The Vestry accepted the **Financial Audit** of Church of the Good Shepherd prepared by Moran & Co. P.C. dated December 31, 2015.
* Because Don Pitcock will be leaving the **Rental Ministry** at the end of April, an ad hoc committee will assess our marketing, pricing, capacity, sound system, etc. to report to the Vestry in February.

**Interim Rector’s Report**

* We may need a replacement (Full-time) and an assistant (Part-time) for our Office Manager, Claire Elser, who is a candidate for Holy Orders.
* Sunday, April 23, 2017 is **Bishop Shannon Johnston’s Visitation** to Good Shepherd.

**New Business**

* Vestry members will help during the **Vestry Elections** on January 29, 2017.
* The Vestry thanked Bob Hall, Joe Hall, and Charlie Connor for installing the **New Sound System in the Nave.**

Following Compline led by Bruce, the Vestry meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.