

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – February 16, 2021

Present: Rick Backlund, Father Bullock, Suzanne DeWeese, Linda Ditch, Brenda Kebert, Cyndi Langston, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Barbara Nuss, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic) opened with prayer.

Election of wardens: Dean Lightcap opened the floor for nominations. Chris Shermoen was nominated for Senior Warden; Rick Backlund, for Junior Warden. There were no other floor nominations. Both nominations were unanimously approved.

Introductions: For the benefit of the three new vestry members, all those in attendance introduced themselves.

January Minutes: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 2021 vestry minutes as presented.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of January, operating income was \$137,318.52 and operating expense was \$56,111.57, resulting in a positive balance of \$81,206.95. Operating income for the year to date is \$137,318.52, and operating expense was \$56,111.57, resulting in a positive balance of \$81,206.95. Cash in the bank on January 31, 2020 was \$175,186.19. Lance reported that a few 2021 pledges that were paid in full accounted for the larger than usual income for the month.

Current status report: Dean Lightcap said the church is working on scheduling Lenten services during the pandemic. Ash Wednesday services will be held as drive-in services in the parking lot. Indoor Sunday services are currently being held with a limit of 50 persons in the pews. Registration is required. Staff continue to work both remotely and in office as needed.

Vestry retreat: The vestry will hold a retreat via Zoom on Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. - noon. In addition to some planning and discussion, ministry assignments will be made at the retreat. Prior to the retreat, the vestry is asked to read the book, "We Shall Be Changed" about the Church during the pandemic.

Reports from Vestry reps:

- **Adult Education:** Rick reported that Father Bullock is currently leading a class on The Way of Love and Deacon Anne will then have a class on the social justice ministry.
- Brenda reported that she met with the Educators Focus Group to discuss the Bethany Place Gardens project. Chris also attended a focus group on the project. Proposed plans for the gardens (to the south of the Cathedral property) will be released at a meeting on Saturday.

Other business:

- Dean Lightcap updated the new vestry members on recent action taken to purchase live-stream equipment for the Cathedral.
- Dean Lightcap has had a conversation with a donor who would like to complete the set of three stained glass windows on the north end of the Cathedral, using a Pentecost scene. There is a question as to whether this would conflict with a potential antiphonal organ project. After some discussion, it was suggested that Steve Burk provide more information to the vestry on the organ project.
- Dean Lightcap will send a copy of the 2020 parochial report to the vestry for their approval.

Dean's report: The dean is teaching a class at BKSM this spring and again this fall which will require him to miss two Sunday services.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*