

## Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – August 17, 2021

**Present:** Rick Backlund, Fr. John Bullock, Linda Ditch, Suzanne DeWeese, Brenda Kebert, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

**July Minutes:** The minutes were amended to correct a misspelled word. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the July 2021 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

**Treasurer's report:** For the month of July, operating income was \$61,276.83 and operating expense was \$66,119.76 resulting in a negative difference of \$4,842.93. Operating income for the year to date is \$511,363.92 and operating expense for the year to date is \$465,938.88 resulting in a positive difference of \$45,425.04. Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on July 31, 2021 was \$140,301.94.

**Outreach request for Alleluia Grant:** Dean Lightcap explained the concept of the Alleluia Grant, which is dispersed through the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas for worthy projects in the diocese. Gwen McClain, co-chair of the Cathedral's Outreach Ministry, presented a proposed project that would be funded in part with \$3000 from the Outreach budget and \$3000 from the Alleluia Grant. The project, known as "Grace Blessing Bags" would be a once-a-month food giveaway (30 bags a month) to neighbors surrounding the Cathedral. The grant application needs vestry approval.

*A motion was made and seconded to place the grant application under consideration and empower the Senior Warden (Chris Shermoen) permission to sign the application on behalf of the vestry along with the Dean's signature.* Motion unanimously carried.

### Ministry reports

- **Adult Formation:** Rick said classes will resume after Labor Day weekend; St. Simon's parish and the history of race relations in the Episcopal Church will be the topics for the initial classes. Also under consideration is a mid-week, mid-day class for those who are available at that time.
- **Building and Grounds:** The dean asked Connie to report on the latest with the lightning strike on behalf of Kent (Facilities Manager). Insurance company has been contacted. Some repairs to damaged equipment have been or are in the process of being repaired. Kent has been in contact with a company who does work on limestone buildings to get a bid on repairing the damaged tower pinnacle. Loose stones on the tower have necessitated the front steps and lawn to be roped off until the stones can be removed.
- **Finance:** The dean would like to have the finance committee hold a pre-budget meeting to look at things for next year. Chris will ask Kevin Cassidy (Finance Committee Chair) to call a meeting.
- Dean Lightcap would like some help in looking at the new website draft. Linda and Suzanne offered to do that.
- The dean also said an architectural glass committee is working on the design for the new Pentecost windows, making sure the design conforms to existing windows in the Cathedral.
- **Stewardship:** A date for the annual Stewardship Dinner needs to be set. The dean will meet with Ron about this.

**Dean's report:** An email from Kent regarding parking on 8<sup>th</sup> Street was read. The no parking sign on the north side of 8<sup>th</sup> can't be removed or modified. On the south side, the Cathedral can park along the curb from Western up to the no parking sign at 8<sup>th</sup> and Polk.

Our current masking policy states that everyone wears a mask inside the building with the exception of staff in their private offices.

With no other business, the meeting was then adjourned with a prayer. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*