

## Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – July 20, 2021

**Present:** Rick Backlund, Fr. John Bullock, Linda Ditch, Suzanne DeWeese, Cynthia Shepherd Langston, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Barbara Nuss, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

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

**Treasurer's report:** For the month of June, operating income was \$89,418.53 and operating expense was \$65,944.44 resulting in a positive difference of \$23,474.09. Operating income for the year to date is \$450,087.09 and operating expense for the year to date is \$399,819.12 resulting in a positive difference of \$50,267.97. Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on June 30, 2021 was \$145,811.46.

Lance reported that the chiller for Cathedral Hall is no longer operational. We are currently renting a unit and are budgeting approximately \$35,000 for the new chiller.

*A motion was made and seconded to pay for the rented chiller and the purchase of a new chiller with money from the Capital Campaign Fund account. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Steve Burk retirement, July 25:** Dean Lightcap has put together an interim music staff until a replacement for Steve Burk is hired. Sylvia Hamilton will have full organ responsibilities; Zachary Cope will serve as choral director and Kathy Smith will take on the music administration responsibilities. There is currently no time-line for getting a permanent replacement hired.

Discussion was held regarding a gift for Steve's retirement.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve a purse in the amount of \$3752 to Steve Burk in thanksgiving for his time at the Cathedral. An amendment was made to change "purse" to "one month's salary". Discussion was held.*

*A motion was made and seconded to approve a gift of one month's salary to Steve Burk in thanksgiving for his time at the Cathedral and to name the Cathedral's choir room in his honor. Motion unanimously approved.*

**Blessing Box:** Chris (Building and Grounds) reported on the proposed Blessing Box. After more discussion, Chris said it was time to give the sponsoring sorority a response on their proposal to install and maintain a blessing box on the Cathedral grounds.

*A Motion was made and seconded to approve a request by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to move forward in principle on the construction of a Blessing Box on the Cathedral grounds. The sorority will build and maintain the box as well as stock the box with supplies one week of each month. The approval is contingent on additional discussion with a sorority representative. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Youth Events:** *A motion was made and seconded to approve a submitted list of off-site Cathedral youth events for the upcoming months, per diocesan policy. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Live Stream equipment:** The costs of the live-streaming equipment/installation has exceeded the previously approved amount.

*A motion was made and seconded to pay the overage for the live-stream project in the amount of \$7,328.58 from the Capital Campaign Fund account. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Bishop's visit:** Bishop Cathleen Bascom conducted her annual visit with the Cathedral vestry following the business portion of the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned with a prayer. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, Vestry Recorder