

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – December 14, 2021

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

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: For the month of November, operating income was \$68,317.97 and operating expense was \$72,805.08, resulting in a negative difference of \$4,487.11. Operating income for the year to date is \$784,484.65 and operating expense for the year to date is \$735,031.55, resulting in a positive difference of \$49,453.10. Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on November 30, 2021 was \$196,958.83.

An overview of the Dean's discretionary fund was also distributed to the vestry. This fund is comprised of cash offerings on the third Sunday of each month as well as private donations.

Dean Lightcap announced that year-end staff bonuses have been distributed.

Stewardship update: Dean Lightcap reported that as of today, 164 pledges have been received totaling \$604,796.

Ministry reports

- **Adult Formation:** Rick reported that following the Christmas break, Scott Shipman will teach Adult Forum in January, followed in February by an update on the Justice Ministry and a class on the stained glass windows. The committee will meet again in early January.
- **Building and Grounds:** Regarding tower damage from the lightning strike, we are at the mercy of Mid-Continental's schedule to get equipment to the Cathedral so loose debris can be removed and the repairs started. New LED light panels in been installed in the mail Cathedral office thanks to a generous donation. There was some cost to have an electrician install the panels.
- **Finance:** The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on December 20 to continue work on the 2022 budget.
- **Children and Youth Ministry:** The Youth Group is planning a Christmas party offsite from the Cathedral. Per policy, *a motion was made and seconded to approve the youth Christmas party offsite at the Miller's Glen neighborhood clubhouse.* Motion approved.
- **Evangelism:** The new website is up and running. Dean Lightcap and Connie will have a training session with the web designer for future administration of the site.
- **Hospitality:** An Epiphany party is planned for January 6 at the Lake Shawnee Garden House.
- **Outreach:** No report
- **Architectural glass:** Designers are in the process of finalizing the design of the Pentecost windows before working on the color of the glass.
- **Diversity:** No report
- **Stewardship:** In looking ahead to next year, some help will be needed with the Stewardship Dinner so the work doesn't fall on one person.

Assistant Priest's report: Fr. Bullock thanked the vestry for the year-end bonus. He is coming up on one year since joining the staff at the Cathedral.

Dean's report: Dean Lightcap said the vestry will need to take an email vote on the clergy Housing Allowances for 2022 as soon as those are prepared.

The Director of Music/Organist position is being advertised as two part-time jobs. Some resumes have already been received.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*