# Grace Episcopal Cathedral
## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – January 18, 2022

**Present:** Rick Backlund, Linda Ditch, Suzanne DeWeese, Brenda Kebert, Cyndi Langston, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Chris Shermoen, Marilyn Trubey, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Finance report: For the month of December, operating income was $78,809.89 and operating expense was $127,180.46, resulting in a negative difference of $48,370.57. Operating income for the year ending was $863,294.54 and operating expense for the year ending was $861,212.01, resulting in a positive difference of $1,082.53. Cash in the bank checking account on December 31,2021 was $170,706.42.

The year ended with pledges and expenses at 106% of the budgeted amount.

Lance reported that $50,000 of the 2022 Diocesan apportionment was paid in 2021 (accounting for the high expense total in December 2021).

**Annual Meeting:** Dean Lightcap reported the Annual Meeting will be held on January 23, 2022. Elections for new vestry members will be held. There were two who were self-nominated and one member who was asked to join. They are John Finch, Alan Johnson and Vanessa Hill. Dean Lightcap also thanked Marilyn Trubey for filling the vestry seat vacated by Barbara Nuss in 2021. Marilyn will need to be affirmed at the Annual Meeting to fill the remaining two years of Barbara's term.

Barry Bray and Dennis Nelson have been nominated to serve as Endowment Trustees.

A convention delegate and alternate will need to be elected. This item was tabled for discussion until later in the meeting.

**2022 budget presentation:** Finance Committee Chair Kevin Cassidy presented the proposed 2022 budget to the vestry. While the number of pledges is down from 2021, the amount pledged is approximately $48,000 higher. The budget reflected the prepayment of $50,000 of the diocesan apportionment in 2021, which lowered expenses for 2022; increased clergy and staff salaries as well as the proposed Choir Director's salary; and increased the Outreach budget.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve a balanced budget for 2022 of $858,458.00.* Motion unanimously carried.

**Convention delegates:** After further discussion on Convention Delegate nominees, *a motion was made and seconded to waive the topic of convention delegates at the Annual Meeting and allow time for people to submit names for nomination.* Motion unanimously carried.

*A second motion was made and seconded to accept the Vestry and Endowment nominees and communicate the need for Convention Delegate nominees from the congregation, and within two weeks ballots will be sent out by email and mail for voting.* Motion unanimously carried.

**Vestry retreat:** A retreat for vestry members will be held in All Saints Hall on February 11 and 12. Details to come later.

**Ministry reports**

- Adult Formation: Rick reported the committee met in early January to outline the classes for the winter/spring semester. Scott Shipman will finish his class on January 30, followed by a class on the Justice Ministry, Stained Glass windows, the Daily Office, and foods during New Testament times.

- Hospitality: Since the Garden House at Lake Shawnee was not used for the Epiphany celebration, the Cathedral can use it any time during the next year. Coffee hour is also canceled until further notice due to the high COVID numbers.
- Pastoral Care Team: Prayer request cards have been placed in the pew racks.

**Dean's report:** Dean Lightcap said he will announce at the Annual Meeting that Bev Tilly is retiring as Directress of the Altar Guild. She will be replaced by Linda Gallaway.

He also thanked the retiring members of the vestry: Chris Shermoen, Ron Langston and Suzanne DeWeese.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.


— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*