

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – February 15, 2022

Present: Rick Backlund, Linda Ditch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Brenda Kebert, Dean Torey Lightcap, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

January Minutes: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 2022 vestry minutes as presented.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: Finance report: For the month of January/year-to-date, operating income was \$119,302.20 and operating expense was \$65,458.15, resulting in a positive difference of \$53,844.05. Cash in the bank checking account on January 31, 2022 was \$215,341.02.

Dean's report: Dean Lightcap reported that the Pastoral Care Team will gather in June to listen to a guest speaker on the aspects of giving and receiving care. He is also working with Dan Rice on a position called a "dispatcher" – someone who hears about the need for pastoral care and connects them with the right caregiver.

The dean will be going to General Convention in early July and won't be here for any 4th of July service plans.

Ministry reports

- Children's Education: Brenda reported that the Cathedral will be joining with two other downtown churches for an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 9.

The Youth Group plans to hold some off-site activities during spring break that need vestry approval. *A motion was made and seconded to approved youth plans during Spring Break away from the Cathedral.* Motion unanimously carried.

- Adult Education: Rick reported that the dean's class on the stained glass windows was a success. The class will be repeated on March 6, followed by classes on the Daily Office and Foods during the New Testament times.
- Outreach: Dennis and Marilyn reported that the Saturday morning Share Table is giving away hats, socks and gloves during the winter months. The dean asked Dennis to look into having the Mobile Access shower/laundry bus come to the Cathedral and report back to the vestry.
- Race and Diversity: Rick provided some background information on the Race and Diversity ministry for the benefit of the new vestry members.
- New ministry assignments have been made: Marilyn will serve on Stewardship; Alan will serve on the Endowment Trustees. Liaisons for the Finance Committee and Building and Grounds remain to be filled.

Elections: *A motion was made and seconded to elect Rick Backlund and Linda Ditch as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.* After the motion was seconded, the floor was opened for other nominations. Upon receiving no other nominations, the motion unanimously carried.

Lance Royer was appointed to serve another year as treasurer, Cynthia Shepherd Langston as Chancellor, and Connie Vosburgh as Vestry recorder.

A ballot for Diocesan Convention delegate and alternate will be sent to the parish via email this week.

Other business: Dennis asked when social group, i.e. Conversation Groups, might be reinstated at the Cathedral now that Covid numbers are dropping. It was also suggested that a Ministry Sign-up Sunday be held in the near future. Those suggestions will be taken under consideration.

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

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*