

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – March 15, 2022

Present: Rick Backlund, John Bullock, Linda Ditch, John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Brenda Kebert, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer, Marilyn Trubey, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: For the month of February, operating income was \$64,497.84 and operating expense was \$68,744.94, resulting in a negative difference of \$4,247.10. Operating income for the year to date is \$183,800.04 and operating expense for the year to date is \$134,203.09, resulting in a positive difference of \$49,596.95. Cash in the bank checking account on February 28, 2022 was \$214,728.17.

Vestry liaisons: The following vestry ministry assignments were made:

- Adult Formation: Rick
- Building and Grounds: John Finch
- Children's Education: Brenda
- Communications: Linda
- Diversity and Inclusion: Linda and Rick
- Endowment: Alan
- Finance: Rick
- Hospitality: Susan
- Outreach: Dennis
- Stewardship: Marilyn

The dean will meet with Vanessa later to develop a ministry for her.

Ministry reports

- Adult Formation: Rick reported that the committee will meet next week to develop Adult Forum classes for April and May. A class on end-of-life issues is planned for this fall. A suggestion that an open forum be held to talk about anxiety resulting from current world issues was discussed by the vestry. The forum will be held following the 10:30 service on March 27.
- Diversity: Rick proposed the idea of having a parish-wide discussion of LGBTQ issues and to hear thoughts from the Cathedral's LGBTQ community. This idea was taken under consideration.
- Outreach: Dennis reported that 31 Blessing Bags were distributed on the first Saturday in February along with items on the Sharing Table. The Outreach Committee has dispersed Cathedral funds to Doorstep, Episcopal Relief and Development (for Ukraine), Robinson Middle School, and the Sharing Table.
- Hospitality: Susan would like to discuss the return of coffee hour after the services. Torey will cover that topic in his Dean's report.
- Endowment: Alan will discuss with Rick and Kent if some of the cash in the Cathedral's checking account can be moved to a higher yield account.
- Senior Warden report: Rick said that he has heard comments both pro and con on the relaxation of the Cathedral's mask policy. He has asked vestry members to bring parishioner feedback to either the dean or himself. Nametags will also be made for vestry to wear at church services and activities.

Dean's report:

- Torey gave the vestry an update on the musician hiring process.
- He would like the vestry to meet in person for the April meeting rather than on Zoom.

- The dean's schedule will require him to miss Sunday services on April 3 (teaching a class at BKSM) and May 1 (attending the North American' Dean's Conference). He will also be attending General Convention in early July.
- The following social and hospitality events will be coming up: Coffee Hour, Easter Brunch, a May 22 luncheon and presentation by the Reader's Theatre, June 5 Pentecost Picnic; Sylvia's retirement reception on June 12; and the possible return of small dinner groups. After some discussion, Refreshment Sunday on March 27 would be a good date for the return of coffee hour.

The vestry convened to executive session and then adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in the Robyn Room

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*