

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – May 17, 2022

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

The meeting opened with prayer.

Dean introduces Ivan Greuter: Ivan is in conversation with the bishop about transitioning from the Baptist ministry to the Episcopal Church.

April Minutes: The minutes were amended to strike the graduates reception from the hospitality report. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 2022 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report:

For the month of April, operating income was \$65,427.56 and operating expense was \$63,987.94, resulting in a positive difference of \$1,439.62. Operating income for the year to date is \$310,358.24 and operating expense for the year to date is \$270,539.23 resulting in a positive difference of \$39,819.01.

Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on April 30, 2022, was \$204,258.17.

Ministry reports

- Endowment: Alan will report on the May Endowment meeting at the June vestry meeting.
- Building and Grounds: Work on the damaged tower spires is closer to being complete; a latch on the tower trap door is being secured and a donor has offered to underwrite the cost of upgrading the flooring in the library. Dean Lightcap said he has revised and shared a project list for potential donors.
- Communications: Linda plans to meet with the dean and Connie regarding increasing the Cathedral's social media presence. We would like to encourage members to not only take photos at various events, but to post and share those photos on social media.
- Outreach: Prices are going up for the cost of the Blessing Bags ministry. Tammy King is the new Outreach Ministry co-chair, along with Gwen McClain, replacing Jacquie Lightcap.
- Special Projects: Vanessa reported that 12 people have RSVP'd to tomorrow night's Newcomer dinner.
- Adult Education: The spring semester is concluded. A meeting will be held this summer to draft a fall schedule.
- Diversity: A LGBTQ listening session will be held May 24 on Zoom.
- Hospitality: Susan reported that the committee will host the upcoming Pentecost Picnic
- Senior Warden report: Rick plans to update the congregation on the new stained glass windows once an installation date has been set, hopefully early 2023.

Dean's report:

- Dean Lightcap said the dates for General Convention may be changing a bit which will affect his July schedule.
- Installation for the new stained glass windows will likely be in March 2023.
- The dean updated the vestry on the hiring process of the new choirmaster. Compensation is currently in negotiations.

The vestry held a discussion of a retirement gift for Sylvia Hamilton. *A motion was made and seconded to present Sylvia with one month's salary along with a gift that Susan Weber has found with the funding source left to the discretion of the treasurer.* Motion unanimously carried.

The vestry convened to executive session and then adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*