

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – June 21, 2022

Present: Rick Backlund, Linda Ditch, John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Brenda Kebert, Cynthia Sheppard Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer, Marilyn Trubey, Susan Weber; guest: Archdeacon Anne Flynn

The meeting opened with prayer.

May Minutes: The minutes were amended to change next month's meeting from May to June. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 2022 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Anne Flynn: Archdeacon Anne Flynn reviewed a document regarding the ministry of deacons that has been updated by the Diocese of Kansas. This document contains reflections on the role of the deacon, as well as new guidelines from the diocese of what the deacon may do. Susan, Rick and Dean Lightcap will join Anne for further discussion on this document.

Treasurer's report:

For the month of May, operating income was \$49,164.71 and operating expense was \$62,036.32, resulting in a negative difference of \$12,871.61. Operating income for the year to date is \$359,522.95 and operating expense for the year to date is \$332,575.55 resulting in a positive difference of \$26,947.40.

Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on May 31, 2022, was \$191,107.68.

Ministry reports

- Adult Education: No new report for this month. A meeting will be held in August to plan fall classes.
- Youth/Children's Education: Brenda reported that the youth are planning a World's of Fun trip this summer. Dean Lightcap added that a youth confirmation class will begin this fall.
- Diversity: Linda reported that the LGBTQ listening session went well in May. There were positive comments as to how Grace is a warm, supportive and welcoming community. A once-a-year listening session is being considered.
- Hospitality: Susan reported that a reception for Donald Livingston will be this Sunday. Receptions are also planned for the choir master's first Sunday as well as the Bishop's visit in August; there will possibly be a ministry fair on September 11, and a 100th birthday celebration for Margaret McGillivray on October 9.
- Endowment: Alan reported that since the stock market is down, our holdings are also down, however contributions from the fund should remain about the same.
- Special projects: Dean Lightcap would like to enlist Vanessa's support with the adult confirmations classes this summer.
- Outreach: Marilyn reported that the Outreach committee is working on allocating the rest of the 2022 Outreach funds and assessing where they are most needed.
- Communications: Linda hopes to meet with the dean and Connie about social media as soon as her health issues stabilize.

Senior Warden's report: Rick made a motion to go back to virtual (Zoom) vestry meetings through January 2023 due to the increased spread of COVID again. The motion was amended to state that *vestry meetings will be held via Zoom through January 2023 unless there is an exceptional need to call an in-person meeting as determined by the dean.* Motion approved as amended.

Rick also passed along concerns that have been raised by some in the congregation about the volume level of the organ at the Cathedral; and that concrete work outside the buildings is currently in a bidding process.

Dean's report:

- Dean Lightcap reported on the state of his family's health following a COVID illness in his family.
- Donald Livingston will begin work as the new organist this Thursday, June 23.
- The dean will be gone from July 4-18; he will be at General Convention July 4-13.
- The vestry will take July off.

The vestry meeting ended with prayer and then adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*