

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – August 16, 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, Dennis Weikel

The meeting opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report:

For the month of July, operating income was \$58,062.26 and operating expense was \$81,471.74, resulting in a negative difference of \$23,409.48. Operating income for the year to date is \$512,542.17 and operating expense for the year to date is \$484,872.52 resulting in a positive difference of \$27,669.65.

Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on July 31, 2022, was \$193,610.69.

Lance reported that he and Kent are meeting with a new natural gas sub-contractor due the high gas bill we received from our current sub-contractor following the extremely cold weather in February 2021.

Ministry reports

- Adult Education: Rick reported that a planning meeting was held in early August. The first day of Sunday School on September 11 will include a Ministry Fair. Another meeting will be held this month to finalize fall classes.
- Outreach: Dennis reported that the Blessing Bags continue to be a success, although inflation could affect the program by next year. JUMP ministries will be starting up again this fall.
 - Dean Lightcap added to the Outreach report that Barb Andres, formerly with Episcopal Social Services, will be starting a "Break Through" Ministry in Topeka. She will contact the Outreach Ministry with ideas on how they can help.
- Children/Youth Education: Brenda reported that the youth will have their end-of-summer gathering August 21; September 11 will be the first day of Sunday School and the Blessing of the Backpacks; plans are in the works for a fall trip to World's of Fun and Trunk or Treat.
- Hospitality: Susan reported that a reception is being planned for Eduardo's first Sunday on August 21 and a reception for the Bishop's visit and confirmations will be held August 28.
 - The Hospitality Committee would like to purchase a fabric steamer to use for tablecloths. *A motion was made and seconded to purchase a fabric steamer with month to come from the Capital Federal Special Accounts "Kitchen" fund.* Motion approved.
- Building and Grounds: John reported that the committee met in July. The hatch on the tower roof has been repaired.
- Endowment: Alan will have a report in September after the Trustees next meeting.

Senior Warden's report: Rick said he feels it's important that the vestry check in with people who haven't been attending church in a while.

Dean's report:

- Dean Lightcap reported on the General Convention in July that he attended.
- The Dean and one other priest in the diocese have written a resolution to be voted on at the Diocesan Convention. The resolution asks the Council of Trustees to review the diocese's audit policy and report back at Diocesan Convention 2023 about its findings and any changes it has since implemented. The hope is for parishes to realize a savings by not requiring a yearly full audit.
- A meeting of the people who lead nightly Compline on Facebook will be held this Sunday.

- Ivan Greuter, who is in the process of ordination, plans to be confirmed on August 28. He will then ask the vestry to reaffirm his pathway to ordination.
- John Bullock has decided not to return to the Cathedral as Assistant Priest at this time. Dean Lightcap said the door has been left open should he decide to return in a different capacity.

The vestry meeting ended with prayer and then adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*