

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – January 17, 2022

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

The meeting opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report:

For the month of December, operating income was \$92,509.38 and operating expense was \$177,190.38, resulting in a negative balance of \$84,681. Operating income for the year to date is \$873,377.44 and operating expense for the year to date is \$954,017.01 resulting in a negative balance of \$80,639.57.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$3,453.74 and expenditure of \$150.00 which left a balance of \$6,955.73

Cash in the checking account, per books, on December 31, 2022, was \$67,521.17.

The negative year-end balance is due to a \$97,706 pre-payment of the 2023 diocesan apportionment, freeing money in the 2023 budget for other expenses.

Presentation of the 2023 budget

Finance Committee Chair Kevin Cassidy presented a proposed budget for 2023. The \$920,133 balanced budget includes \$688,000 in pledges...one of the highest numbers the Cathedral has had. This budget will allow for 5% staff raises; fund salaries for a part-time assistant clergy position, a part-time Youth Minister assistant and a Ministry Coordinator; and fully fund the music program and outreach budget. Two new trusts have been added for 2023 from the estates of Phyllis Evans and Bob Derstein.

A motion made and seconded to approve the proposed budget. Motion unanimously carries. The budget will be presented at the January 29 Annual Meeting.

Ministry reports

- Stewardship: Marilyn said videos will be made available for Stewardship ideas later this year.
- Hospitality: Susan said she is planning a thank you to the committee members in conjunction with the next person to serve as vestry representative.
- Adult Education: Rick reported on a mix of topics to finish out the Adult Forum spring semester.
- Vanessa: Senior Saints lunch in February will be catered.

Senior Warden's report

- Rick reported for the Nomination Committee, which also includes Brenda and Susan. Four candidates will be on the ballot for three open Vestry positions: LeRoy Dagg, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway and David Woods. Marilyn Trubey and Ted Yungclas are nominated to serve two-year terms as Convention Delegates, and Mike Wilson to serve as an alternate delegate. Endowment Trustees' nominees are Lawton Nuss and Steve Page, who will serve a second three-year term.
- This is Rick's last meeting as a vestry member and Senior Warden. He will give a review in his Annual Report to be distributed at the January 29 Annual Meeting. He thanked the vestry for the opportunity to serve.

Dean's report:

- Three vestry members are needed to serve as tellers for the vestry vote. Vanessa, Alan, Lance volunteered. The dean give recognition and thanks to the retiring members of vestry: Brenda, Susan and Rick.
- Annual Reports and Parochial Reports both need to be filed early this year.
- A vestry retreat will be held Feb. 17 and 18.
- The dean shared that his mother has moved to the Topeka area.
- The Rev. Carl Edwards, deacon, has been assigned to Grace Cathedral by Bishop Bascom. His first Sunday with us will be January 29.
- The 2023 budget has an allowance for a paid assisting priest, though not at the full level of salary and benefit consistent with what we need for the position at this time.
- The 2023 budget cuts Strategic Planning by half to accommodate both budget and the sense of what we realistically need.
- St. David's church will soon have its 11th Rector, The Rev. Doreen Rice.

The vestry meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*