

# Grace Episcopal Cathedral

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – February 21, 2023

**Present:** LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Dean Torey Lightcap, Arceile Ridgeway, Lance Royer, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel, David Woods

The meeting opened with prayer.

### **Elections and appointments:**

- Motions were made and seconded to nominate Marilyn Trubey and Alan Johnson to serve a one-year terms as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively. *Motions unanimously approved.*
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mark Quintana to fulfill a vacated two-year vestry term. *Motion unanimously approved.*
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Evelyn Wilson to fulfill a vacated one-year vestry term. *Motion unanimously approved.*
- A motion was made and seconded to affirm the reappointment of Steve Page and Lawton Nuss to a second three-year term on the Endowment Trustees Board. *Motion unanimously approved.*

**January Minutes:** A spelling correction was made in the January 2023 vestry minutes. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 2023 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

### **Treasurer's report:**

For the month of January, operating income was \$65,775.26 and operating expense was \$82,073.20, resulting in a negative balance of \$16,297.94. Operating income for the year to date is the same.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$219.00 and expenditure of \$1,654.50, leaving a balance of \$6,268.26.

Cash in the checking account, per books, on January 31, 2023, was \$48,842.79.

### **Ministry reports**

- Outreach: Dennis reported that new Blessing Bags will need to be purchased. The Sharing Table was a success last year with 1,629 items distributed to 297 neighbors. There was discussion regarding adding donated books to the Sharing Table.

### **Other business**

- Dennis asked that more ice melt be purchased and that ropes are needed to block off icy sidewalks around the Cathedral buildings. Some of the sidewalks used on Saturday morning are on diocesan property. The dean will check on both concerns.
- Dean Lightcap brought to the vestry communication from the bishop regarding Michael Combs, a former priest of the diocese and Canon of Grace Cathedral from 1980-83 who was deposed in 1991 over allegations of sexual abuse while serving St. Matthew's, Newton. He was convicted in 2016 of sexual abuse and sentenced to prison starting June 13, 2016. Mr. Combs was paroled and is now living in Newton, KS. His acts of reported abuse are numerous involving both children and adults. Bishop Bascom has judged it necessary to prohibit him from entering diocesan land and buildings and from attending church gatherings. This order was issued as official notice per K.S.A. 21-5808(a)(1)(A).
- Dean Lightcap and Marilyn will meet to select new ministry assignments for vestry members. The dean is considering how Ministry Committee members are staffed, making the best use of people's experience and background.

- A discussion was held on possible long-range plans to update the HVAC system in Cathedral Hall. More information is needed.

The vestry meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room (postponed a week due to the dean's schedule).

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*