

## **Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – April 18, 2023**

**Present:** LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Cyndi Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Arceile Ridgeway, Lance Royer, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel, Evelyn Wilson

The meeting opened with prayer.

### **Possible expansion of musical resources**

Cathedral organist, Dr. Donald Livingston, presented two proposals to the vestry: one to acquire an additional six tower chimes from a disassembled system. This project would also include the acquisition of an independent keyboard so that the tower chimes could be played independently from the organ and allow an expanded list of music to be played on the chimes. The cost is estimated at \$21,000-27,000.

The second proposal would be to acquire a choir organ that would be installed in the back gallery of the Cathedral. The organ is in storage in the greater Milwaukee area. It came from Aubusson, France via St. Paul Minnesota and would be donated to the Cathedral, with the costs of transportation and installation estimated at \$22,000-27,000.

Lance said there are three building project funds in the Capital Federal special accounts that could be used for these projects.

After discussion, *a motion was made and seconded to authorize Donald to develop a proposal that would provide information about the projects to the congregation, and bring that proposal back to the vestry for approval.* Motion unanimously carried.

**March Minutes:** *A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 2023 vestry minutes as presented.* Motion unanimously carried.

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

For the month of March, operating income was \$59,396.36 and operating expense was \$76,550.01, resulting in a negative balance of \$17,153.65. Operating income for the year to date was \$252,717.84 and operating expense was \$223,749.14, resulting in a positive balance of \$28,968.70.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$295.72 and expenditure of \$362.00, leaving a balance of \$5,141.95.

Cash in the checking account, per books, on March 31, 2023, was \$95,975.99.

### **Ministry reports**

- Outreach: Marilyn reported that the committee has made a few more financial disbursements but want to make sure that the projects which serve our Cathedral neighbors are fully funded as well.
- Hospitality: The committee will be hosting the Pentecost picnic in May.

### **Dean's report**

- Dean Lightcap reported that the broken tower pinnacle and the new cross on the front of the Cathedral were both replace this week.
- Ruth Ohm has begun her new part-time job as Ministry Coordinator.
- The dean is working with the diocese to create a labyrinth for Bethany Gardens. The labyrinth is a prayer space you can develop outdoors. Working with the Diocese means working with the Bishop, Mother Jenn, donors, and a landscape architect among others to develop a site plan and work plan and bring everything to fruition.

- There may be someone interested in working as a part-time associate clergy for the Cathedral. Dean Lightcap is in conversation with a soon-to-be graduate from Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. The vestry is invited to a dinner with the candidate on Tuesday, April 25.

The vestry meeting adjourned. Due to a conflict with the dean's schedule, the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*