

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – August 15, 2023

Present: LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway, Lance Royer, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel, Evelyn Wilson, David Woods, Dean Lightcap, Lance Royer

July Minutes No minutes were presented from July since the meeting consisted of a visit from the consultant and from the bishop.

Treasurer's report:

For the month of July, operating income was \$55,059.51 and operating expense was \$80,852.88, resulting in a negative balance of \$25,793.37. Operating income for the year to date was \$525,305.14 and operating expense was \$520,331.74, resulting in a positive balance of \$4,973.40.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$325.00 and expenditure of \$113.22, leaving a balance of \$5,336.15.

Cash in the checking account on July 31, 2023, was \$74,921.92.

HVAC report: Lance reported for Kent on looking at companies that could replace Honeywell's management of the thermostat system. Representatives from P-1 Group will be coming by to give an assessment.

Ministry reports

- Outreach: Dennis reported that 36 Blessing Bags were distributed the first Saturday in August. The JUMP ministry starts up again in September. Donations to the Sharing Table are down.
- Hospitality: Marilyn reported that the Hospitality Committee has now divided into two groups to share responsibilities.
- Stewardship: Marilyn also shared the timeline for the upcoming fall Stewardship campaign. Weekly bulletin inserts will be used October 1 - November 12, weekly letters will be mailed October 17-29, the Stewardship dinner will be held November 4, and Ingathering is set for November 19.
- Children/Youth/Families: Arceile would like to develop some ideas on more social activities for the congregation.
- Arceile also reported that she has enough participants to hold an Education for Ministry class beginning this fall.
- Special Projects: Vanessa would like to explore an interest in using Grace as a site for a summer meal program as well as a site for the shower van operated by the Topeka Rescue Mission.
- Adult Formation: LeRoy said the committee will meet next week to schedule fall and spring semester classes. Also, there will be a new diocesan-wide Sacred Ground class via Zoom that starts in September.

Dean's report: Dean Lightcap said First United Methodist Church is asking for help with their observation of National Night Out. He will see in what ways the Cathedral can contribute. He also updated the vestry on a personal issue.

Executive Session: The vestry adjourned to executive session.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*