Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – May 9, 2023

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

The meeting, held in person and on Zoom due to the weather, opened with prayer.

April Minutes: Dean Lightcap asked to strike the sentence regarding when the outdoor labyrinth would be completed. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 2023 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report:

For the month of April, operating income was \$70,910.16 and operating expense was \$77,933.13, resulting in a negative balance of \$7,022.97. Operating income for the year to date was \$323,628 and operating expense was \$301,682.27, resulting in a positive balance of \$31,945.73.

Ministry reports

- Mark reported that he has been working to further develop relationships with our downtown partner churches by attending a service at both First Presbyterian and First United Methodist churches.
- LeRoy expressed concern about the Cathedral holding an Easter Egg Hunt with other churches during Lent as opposed to Easter Day, saying that it goes against our liturgical beliefs. The dean suggested he discuss this further with Kathy Smith, Director of Youth Ministries.
- Hospitality: Marilyn reported that mothers attending the services this Sunday will receive flowers for Mother's Day. The committee will also be coordinating the Pentecost Picnic on May 28.
- Outreach: Dennis reported that Justice Ministry member, Melissa Weikel, made a presentation at the Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 1.

Dean's report

- A brochure outlining last month's proposal by Organist Donald Livingston to purchase of a choir organ and additional tower chimes is in the vestry mailboxes.
- Labyrinth update: The landscape architect's estimate for the labyrinth on the grounds of Bethany Gardens is about three times the budgeted amount. The Cathedral has \$5000 from a private donor and another donor is pledging another \$10,000 to the project.
- Jody Carroll's letter of agreement has been signed by Dean Lightcap. Bishop Bascom and Jody need to sign it as well. The dean hopes to announce her employment with the Cathedral before this weekend. Jody will be ordained to the deaconate on June 3 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. Her letter of agreement was unanimously affirmed by the vestry.
- A report from Ministry Coordinator Ruth Ohm regarding her activities will be in vestry mailboxes.
- Confirmations will be held on Pentecost Sunday as will the dedication of the new Pentecost window. A booklet on the window is currently in the works.

The vestry meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room. — Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*