

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – October 17, 2023

Present: LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Hill, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway, Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel, Evelyn Wilson, Dean Lightcap, Canon Carroll, Lance Royer

Strategic development: Jessica Barraclough, strategic development consultant provided the vestry with an update on the results of the recent congregational survey and focus group meetings.

The following results were identified:

Strengths and Assets: music program, facility/outdoor spaces

Priorities: growth, unity in the church, strengthen the current connections, community outreach

Barriers: other churches (competition of choice), aging congregation/lack of young families, competing priorities to church attendance, where does church fall in today's society.

There will be a future details strategic plan developed, based on these results, and shared with the congregation.

September Minutes: The September minutes were amended to add a visit from Sarah Shipman and Tom Seddon and a motion to recommend them for admission as Candidates for Holy Orders. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2023 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of September, operating income was \$87,901.60 and operating expense was \$77,864.85, resulting in a positive balance of \$10,036.75. Operating income for the year to date was \$668,312.72 and operating expense was \$695,269.89 resulting in a negative balance of \$26,957.17. Lance reported that some of the month's expenditures included P-1's work on our HVAC system.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$323.00 and expenditure of \$25, leaving a balance of \$5,680.15. Cash in the checking account on September 30, 2023, was \$48,928.62.

Ministry reports

- Stewardship: The first stewardship letter, along with pledge cards, have been mailed. Marilyn needs help with the Stewardship dinner and also needs volunteers to give testimonials at the services.
- Outreach: Dennis reported that outreach projects are going well but there is a higher demand for all services. There will be a need to request a budget increase in Outreach for 2024.
- Adult Education: LeRoy reported that the fall schedule is well underway with three offerings each Sunday.
- Family events: Mark says a donor has purchased a license to show movies for upcoming movie nights at church. The Chili Cook-off fundraiser brought in around \$500 for the youth group.

Canon's report

- Canon Jody attended a recent clergy retreat for the Diocese of West Missouri.
- She has trained two people as Eucharist Visitors. It's anticipated there will be an increase in requests for this ministry. If vestry knows of anyone who might be interested in serving as an EV, please contact her.
- Canon Jody is working with the dean on the Sunday morning Adult Education.
- The date for Jody's ordination to the priesthood will be January 13, 2023 at Grace Cathedral.

Dean's report

- The dean will conduct a graveside service for Tom Lewis this Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery.
- The Diocesan Convention will be held this Friday and Saturday.

- Pledge cards are beginning to come in. November 19 is the Ingathering date when all cards will be brought to the altar for blessing. Vestry members will be asked to make follow-up phone calls to those who have not returned a card after that date.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Vestry will next meet November 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*