

# Grace Episcopal Cathedral

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – September 17, 2023

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

At Dean Lightcap's request, Sarah Shipman and Tom Seddon visited with members of Vestry. They are making application to become Candidates for the priesthood. Vestry reaffirmation of their candidacy is a required step.

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

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

For the month of August, operating income was \$55,105.98 and operating expense was \$97,073.20, resulting in a negative balance of \$41,967.32. Operating income for the year to date was \$580,411.12 and operating expense was \$617,405.04 resulting in a negative balance of \$36,993.92. Lance reported that \$18,000 was spent on two min-split air conditioning units. Despite the lower August income, Lance feels confident that the budget will balance out at the end of the year.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$246.00 and expenditure of \$200, leaving a balance of \$5,382.15.

Cash in the checking account on August 31, 2023, was \$34,922.32.

**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**

- Diversity: Evelyn and David have been with Dean Lightcap and are discussing ideas on how to proceed forward with this ministry.
- Hospitality: Marilyn reported that the committee's two-team operation seems to be working well.
- Stewardship: The stewardship kick-off begins in two weeks. Marilyn said two people are needed to give testimonials at worship services.
- Adult Education: Classes for the fall semester began this past Sunday.
- Children/Youth: Arceile distributed a list of upcoming family/congregation events, including a chili cook-off and Trunk or Treat, both in October.  
*With the upcoming youth activities, a motion made and seconded to approve going off-site for Cathedral youth events this fall.* Motion unanimously carried.
- Endowment Trustees: Alan reported that income from the Cathedral's endowment funds are up and they should add more income to next year's budget.

### **Dean's report**

- Canon Jody is with a breast cancer survivor's retreat in North Carolina as a retreat leader.
- The Vestry will be added to the Ministries bulletin board, recognizing it as a ministry.
- The Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 1, 2 p.m.
- The dean and Kent Wingerson are in conversation with the diocese regarding an influx of homeless people on the property, recognizing the need to balance the value of compassion with the value of safety. Ideas include increased lighting, signage addressing the hours when the grounds are open to the public, and clearing vegetation in certain areas.

- The strategic developer has compiled results of a recent parish-wide survey. Those will be sent to the vestry.

The vestry adjourned to Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, *a motion was made and seconded to recommend Sarah Shipman for admission as Candidate for Holy Orders.* Motion unanimously carried.

*A motion was made and seconded to recommend Tom Seddon for admission as Candidate for Holy Orders.* Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned. Vestry will next meet October 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*