

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – April 16, 2024

Present: Vanessa Evans, LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Norm Nellis, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway, Evelyn Wilson, Canon Jody Carroll, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer

March Minutes: A correction was made to remove the extra name “David” as among those present. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 2024 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer’s report: For the month of March, operating income was \$72,438.59 and operating expense was \$79,003.45, resulting in a negative balance of \$6,564.86. Operating income for the year-to-date is \$286,767.46, and operating expense is \$232,149.74, resulting in a positive balance of \$54,617.72.

The Dean’s discretionary account had an income of \$347, and an expenditure of \$1,523.95, leaving a balance of \$2,990.05. The Canon’s discretionary account had an income of \$207 and expenditures of \$280, leaving a balance of \$2,712.15.

Cash in the checking account on March 31, 2024, was \$67,776.01.

Endowment report: Steve Page, Trustee with the Cathedral Endowment Board, addressed some specific questions about the Endowment Funds that came up at the March Vestry retreat. Steve spoke to the background and history of the Endowment, the management and distribution of the funds, and the differences in the fees paid to the fund managers.

Canon’s report

- Canon Jody has requested a change to her housing allowance.
A motion was made and seconded to that beginning on May 1st, 2024, that the 2024 ministry compensation paid to Rev. Joann Carroll be changed to include a designated housing allowance of 100%. This amount shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded.
Motion unanimously carried.
- Jody and Kelly have purchased a townhome in Topeka to use as a part-time residence – helping to build roots in Topeka. They will maintain their primary residence in Lee’s Summit.
- Jody plans to attend the Diocesan Gathering of Clergy this coming weekend in Oklahoma.

Dean’s report

- Dean Torey would like to schedule a Sunday (April 28) where the Vestry would be commissioned at both services.
- A meeting of the Mission Vision team (aka Tiger Team) has held their first meeting. This group is helping transform ideas from the strategic development consultant regarding the Cathedral.
- The Bishop will be at the Cathedral for confirmations on May 5. As of right now, there will be one confirmation and five reaffirmations.

Other business

- Arceile encouraged everyone to attend the May 6 Justice Ministry assembly at Lee Arena as a show of support for the issues Topeka JUMP will be supporting this year.
- Since there are no longer ‘Ministry reports’ on the agenda, any concerns or information can be included as part of the agenda if notified ahead of time. Also, a schedule of the Vestry executive meetings will be sent to the Vestry so that concerns can be brought to the Executive Committee ahead of their meeting. The Vestry would also like to receive the agenda, minutes and treasurer’s report prior to the day of the vestry meeting.
- LeRoy gave an update on the status of Kay’s recent health concerns.
- Mark expressed concerns that Cathedral youth are not involved in service projects as part of the Youth Group.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Canon Carroll closed the meeting with prayer. The Vestry will next meet May 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*