

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – February 20, 2024

Present: Vanessa Evans, Vanessa Hill, Norm Nellis, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway, Evelyn Wilson, David Woods, Dean Lightcap, Canon Carroll, Lance Royer

January Minutes: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 2024 vestry minutes as presented.*
Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of January and year to date, operating income was \$82,416.18 and operating expense was \$74,804.04, resulting in a positive balance of \$7,612.14. Pledge income so far is at 10% of the budgeted amount, and expenditures are at 8%. Some people pay their entire year's pledge in January.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$125 and expenditures of \$1,100, leaving a balance of \$3,666. The Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$125 and no expenditures, which left a balance of \$2,746.15.

Cash in the checking account on January 31, 2024, was \$13,610.02.

Elections and Appointments

- After some discussion, *a motion was made and seconded to nominate Alan Johnson as Senior Warden.* Since Alan was not able to attend the vestry meeting, nor could the dean reach him to see if he would accept the nomination, the motion was *amended to nominating Alan Johnson as Senior Warden provided he agrees to the vote.* Motion unanimously carried.
- *A motion was made and seconded to nominate David Woods as Junior Warden.* Motion unanimously carried.
- In order to correct an invalid nomination and vote at the Annual Meeting that would have installed Alan Johnson to a third 3-year term on the Cathedral Endowment Trustees Board, *a motion was made and seconded to instead appoint Alan as the Vestry representative on the Endowment Board.* Motion unanimously carried.
In order to fill that open position on the Endowment Trustees, *a motion was made and seconded to appoint Bob Happeny to serve a three-year term on the Endowment Trustees Board.* Motion unanimously carried.

Ministry reports

- Vanessa Evans reported that Topeka JUMP has a research meeting this evening. She, along with Arceile Ridgeway, will be attending and will make a report at next month's Vestry meeting.
- There is discussion underway about restructuring the combined activities of the downtown Topeka churches. There's a proposal to hold a Back-to-School carnival at the Cathedral, move Trunk or Treat to First United Methodist Church, and continue the Easter Egg Hunt at First Presbyterian Church. There is also discussion about each church's food distribution projects.
- The Endowment Trustees Board met last week. There is concern that the Topeka Community Foundation is not providing timely investment reports like the Episcopal Church Foundation does – driving some uncertainty. The Trustees would like more clarity of TCF.

Canon's report

Canon Carroll said things have been busy since her ordination in January. She is sharing responsibility for the various services at the Cathedral. In general, Canon Jody works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at her Cathedral office and Friday at home – adjusting her schedule as things come up.

Dean's report

- Dean Torey will attend the North American Dean's Conference in April. That same weekend (April 20-21), other diocesan clergy, including Canon Jody, will be at a clergy meeting in Oklahoma. The dean said he may have someone from outside the diocese lead the April 21 Cathedral services.
- The annual Vestry Retreat will be held March 8 & 9 in the Bubb Room.

Other business: Mark suggested the Cathedral reinstate the tradition of flying the flag from a Veteran's funeral at the Cathedral on the Sunday following their service. The dean will visit with Kent about this suggestion.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Canon Carroll closed the meeting with prayer. The Vestry will next meet March 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*