

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – March 19, 2024

Present: Vanessa Evans, Alan Johnson, Norm Nellis, Mark Quintana, Evelyn Wilson, David Woods, Canon Jody Carroll, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer

February Minutes: A correction was made to include David Woods as among those present. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 2024 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of February, operating income was \$131,912.69 and operating expense was \$78,342.25, resulting in a positive balance of \$53,570.44. Operating income for the year-to-date is \$214,328.87, and operating expense is \$153,146.29, resulting in a positive balance of \$61,182.58. Lance said February's income was attributed to those who pay a large part of their pledge early in the year.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$501 with no expenditures, leaving a balance of \$4,167. The Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$311 and expenditures of \$272, leaving a balance of \$2,785.15.

Cash in the checking account on February 29, 2024, was \$71,781.34.

Sarah Shipman ordination status: This is the third vote of affirmation for Sarah: Postulant, Candidate and now Ordinand (as a transitional diaconate). *A Motion was made and seconded to suggest to the diocese that she move forward in the process to become an Ordinand.* Motion approved.

Ministry reports

- Vanessa Evans reported that Topeka JUMP may not have any major issues to report to legislators at this point. Melissa Weikel is speaking before the Topeka City Council this evening about Topeka JUMP.
- It was clarified that Alan Johnson accepted the position as Senior Warden following last month's Vestry meeting.

Vestry concepts: Because of vestry underrepresentation of certain groups, the dean would like to change the concept of assigning each vestry member to one particular ministry. Instead, ministry groups should know they are welcome to come to any Vestry member to have information passed to the Vestry in a more formal fashion. This increases overall focus on the visibility and viability of the Vestry.

There was discussion of vestry wearing their name tags regularly...perhaps with a name tag as well.

Canon's report

- This is Canon Jody's first Lent at the Cathedral, and she said it is a learning process. She was out of town last week at a training session for the work she does with a breast cancer survivor's group.

Dean's report

- Dean Torey wants to make vestry aware of proposed legislation in Kansas that would require clergy to report cases of abuse. He considers himself a mandated reporter and informs people of that before he talks to them. For others, there would need training to be a mandated reporter.
- A funeral service for Jenelle Carkhuff will be held in late April.
- On Sunday, April 21, all diocesan clergy will be at a retreat and Dean Torey will be attending the North American Dean's Conference. The Cathedral Dean in Omaha, Vanessa Clark, will lead our services that day.
- The Shepherd Center would like some financial support from the Cathedral. The dean will want to hear from the Outreach Committee first to get their recommendation.

Other business: Norm is concerned about low attendance numbers and suggested the Vestry initiate some ideas to help boost attendance.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Canon Carroll closed the meeting with prayer. The Vestry will next meet April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*