

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – August 20, 2024

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

June Minutes: Vanessa Hill was added in attendance at the June meeting. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2024 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of July, operating income was \$102,566.17 and operating expense was \$82,513.99, resulting in a positive balance of \$20,052.18. Operating income for the year-to-date is \$607,680.23, and operating expense is \$538,465.58, resulting in a positive balance of \$69,214.65.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$362, and an expenditure of \$250, leaving a balance of \$3,718.57. The Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$203.50 and expenditures of \$315, leaving a balance of \$2,627.65. The Curate's discretionary account had no income and an expenditure of a \$10 service charge, leaving a balance of \$470.05.

Cash in the checking account on July 31, 2024, was \$84,588.46.

Income included a \$10,000 payment from the Royer Trust Fund and \$42,245 from the Episcopal Church Fund. In addition, \$75,978 was received the estate of Tom Lewis.

Lance said that the individual discretionary accounts need to have a minimum balance of \$2000 to avoid the monthly service charge. *A motion was made and seconded to move \$2000 from the Capital Federal Special Accounts interest line to the Curate's discretionary account for the sole purpose of alleviating the service charge.* Motion unanimously carried.

Conversation items:

- **Sunday security:** Mark said people have commented to him about the armed Sunday security and if there is a need for it or if it's an unnecessary expense. There was discussion with several vestry members speaking in support of continuing to employ armed security for Sundays.
Mark also suggested that the front doors and Polk street doors be locked after the service starts with an usher stationed at each door. Torey would like to discuss this further with Kent.
- **Distribution of sacraments:** LeRoy expressed concern as to how closely we are following the rules of the church regarding distribution of the bread and wine. This after LeRoy was asked to give both elements one particular Sunday when only one priest was available.
LeRoy also complimented Donald Livingston on his use of metrical singing of the Psalms while the choir has August off. He would like to see this done more often as opposed to the Psalm being sung as a choir anthem because the BCP specifies that the psalm should be spoken or sung by the congregation.
- **Tom Lewis estate:** Dean Torey said that the late Cathedral member Tom Lewis left an estate gift to both the Cathedral and a boy scout group that used to be chartered by the Cathedral but no longer exists. Both received approximately \$75,978 to the Cathedral. According to the Boy Scouts, the gift to Troup 29 would become the property of the chartering organization which is the Cathedral. Torey would like to honor Tom's wishes and explore how that money could still benefit the scouts. He will bring ideas back to the vestry.
- **Labyrinth** – Bishop would like to develop an outdoor Labyrinth as part of Bethany Garden. There is a proposal to make the Labyrinth part of the Prairie Garden. She would like to move forward with this

plan unless there are strong objections from the vestry. Vanessa Evans would like to add an addition path around the perimeter of the garden to allow access from one side of the Labyrinth to the other.

Canon's report: Jody is working on setting up the adult forum schedule for this fall with the dean. She also devotes time to assigned reading/workbooks from the dean, and is looking ahead at Advent work.

Dean's report: Dean Torey provided an update on Arceile's health; stewardship efforts will commence prior to the beginning of November; and he would like to address the amount of noise in the Nave during the Prelude.

2025 will be the 50th anniversary of the fire. The dean is forming a committee to help coordinate the planning and arrangements of a celebration. One possible idea is the commissioning of a special hymn or anthem to mark the occasion.

Executive Session: The vestry adjourned to executive session.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*