

## Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – May 21, 2024

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

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

**Treasurer's report:** For the month of April, operating income was \$46,734.91 and operating expense was \$79,729.87, resulting in a negative balance of \$32,994.96. Operating income for the year-to-date is \$333,502.37, and operating expense is \$311,987.61, resulting in a positive balance of \$21,622.76.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$887, and an expenditure of \$500, leaving a balance of \$3,377.05. The Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$172 and expenditures of \$145, leaving a balance of \$2,739.15.

Cash in the checking account on April 30, 2024, was \$34,864.69.

### Conversation items:

- **Choral Scholars:** In response to a question, Arceile spoke with Eduardo regarding how many Choral Scholars we have. Eight scholars are expected to sing for rehearsals and Sunday morning. They are only paid for the event they attend...a change from when Eduardo started (when they were paid monthly, regardless how many events they attended). Arceile expressed concern that parishioners may not feel qualified to sing with such a high-caliber scholar program. She suggested that perhaps a time can be offered for additional training outside of Thursday evening.
- **Book recommendation:** LeRoy is recommending a book, *Toxic Positivity*. There are copies in the parish library.
- **Shepherd Center:** Dean Torey responded to a question about whether the Cathedral would continue to make financial contributions to the Shepherd Center. Outreach is not going to do that from their budget. But the dean will contribute from his discretionary account.
- **Ride program:** Mark has heard from people who need rides to church. There's a need to find out how much demand there is for rides and who would be willing to provide rides. Torey said living facilities won't provide transportation. There is a business called GoGo Grandma that would arrange for Uber rides but there are a number of fees involved. Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging has a list of places that do shuttle service and we are in the process of collecting that information. Contracting with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party is limited, which all leads back to asking for volunteers. Mark suggested a survey to find out who would be willing to participate in this service. He will work on this.
- **Tom Seddon:** Dean Torey said Tom is not going through the ordination process any longer. Since the Vestry had formally given their recommendation for Tom, Mark is concerned that the vestry doesn't know what criteria is not being met for future reference.
- **Strategic planning:** Dean Torey updated the Vestry as to where we're at in the process. The Mission Vision Team is working on moving the priorities into a plan that can be presented to the vestry.
- **Signs and lights:** There's been a request to add signage for locations of bathroom facilities as well as additional lighting be installed in the east and west transepts. Arceile will relay that info to Kent.
- **Sandwich Ministry volunteers:** There was discussion of the Sandwich Ministry and how to help ease the burden on the volunteers working on this ministry.

- **Hospitality Ministry:** Vanessa Hill relayed that a conversation is needed on building the Hospitality Ministry back up - possibly recruiting from within the congregation for help. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Hospitality Ministry to request help from the congregation for specific needs. The motion was approved with six in favor and one abstention.

#### **Canon's report**

Canon Jody attended the Tocher Lecture last week with the other clergy. She will also be going to General Convention in late June as a volunteer so she can be present and see how a convention works.

#### **Dean's report**

- Dean Torey will also be going to General Convention. He is serving a position on the Legislative Committee for ministry.
- The Finance Committee is looking for additional sources of income for the Cathedral. They will bring those ideas back to the Vestry.
- The dean has asked LeRoy for help with demographics for the Parochial Report.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Canon Carroll closed the meeting with prayer. The Vestry will next meet June 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robyn Room.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*