

Vestry Meeting
Grace Episcopal Cathedral
October 15, 2024
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Present:

Canon Jody Carroll, LeRoy Dagg, Vanessa Evans, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson, Dean Torey Lightcap, Mark Quintana, Arceile Ridgeway, Lance Royer, Evelyn Wilson, David Woods

Approval of previous month's minutes

Canon Jody Carroll was added in attendance at the September meeting. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2024 vestry minutes as amended.* Motion unanimously carried.

Financial report for August (details not available at September's meeting):

For the month of August, Operating Income was \$48,153.40 and Operating Expense was \$80,437.28 resulting in a Negative balance of \$32,283.88.

Operating Income for the year to date is \$655,883.63 and Operating Expense, year to date, is \$618,902.86 resulting in a positive balance of \$36,980.77.

Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$100.00 and expenditure of \$1,233.05 which left a balance of \$2,585.52.

Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$100.00 and expenditure of \$250.00 which left a balance of \$2,826.51.

Curate's discretionary account had an income of \$2,000.00 and expenditure of \$10.00 which left a balance of \$2,460.05. The \$10.00 is a Service Charge. I will see what I can do to make that go away. Should go away next month.

Cash in the checking account, per book, on August 31, 2024, was \$53,178.49.

Financial report for September:

For the month of September, Operating Income was \$60,490.86 and Operating Expense was \$66,140.80 resulting in a Negative balance of \$5,649.94.

Operating Income for the year to date is \$716,524.49 and Operating Expense, year to date, is \$685,043.66 resulting in a positive balance of \$31,480.83.

Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$500.00 and expenditure of \$100.00 which left a balance of \$2,985.52.

Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$87.50 and expenditure of \$0.00 which left a balance of \$2,913.51.

Curate's discretionary account had an income of \$337.00 and expenditure of \$10.00 which left a balance of \$2,787.05. The \$10.00 is a Service Charge. Since we made the \$2,000.00 deposit at the end of August, we were one day short for the full month of a balance over \$2,000. Should be gone next month.

Cash in the checking account, per book, on September 30, 2024, was \$48,241.51.

The reports were accepted with no revisions.

Conversation Items

- Arceille
 - **Lighting over east transept:** Wondering about an update from Dean Torey, which David provided. According to Dean Torey's initial response, fixing the lighting situation will take a larger approach, given their height from the floor. We are waiting on bids on a combination of 3 vendors. A group of LED lighting samples is scheduled to arrive Oct 29. Lighting would be also replaced in the chapel. We will look for apportionment relief for this work once we have a solid bid.
 - **Sound:** When the choir is singing, or when someone is talking that is not mic'd, you can't understand what they're saying. Mark and David suggested reviewing the audio levels again to make sure we are getting the best sound possible from existing equipment.
 - **Thanksgiving dinner:** Arceille proposed reinstating the parish Thanksgiving dinner that was held prior to COVID. Attendance ranged from about 30-70 people. At the time, Arceille and Roy provided meat, potatoes and gravy, and others brought side dishes/desserts. Dean Torey expressed willingness to potentially provide funds for the meat, potatoes and gravy, especially if there are not enough donations. Lance suggested using the same caterer as the one hired for Senior Luncheons.
- Vanessa Evans
 - **JUMP** held three listening sessions where attendees were given updates on the four current initiatives and shared their own stories of injustice. At the end, a cumulative number of 23 people committed to becoming JUMP ministers, a large increase over last year's number of 13 ministers.

Canon's report

- Canon Jody is attending two diocesan conventions, and has been preparing for them
- Presenting the adult forum in one of the upcoming Sundays
- Finance committee and budget work

Dean's report

- **Disbursement of Scouting gift:** Dean Torey received a written update from Wayne Pancoast. According to him, the scouts have recruited 203 new youth so far this fall, each receiving notice that their handbook was provided to them by Grace. There's general excitement about the Cope Course funding as they aim for a Spring 2025 program relaunch, and already four volunteers have stepped up for it. They have some developments for a new Cub Scout Pack, which makes it seem likely that they can relaunch pack 29 sooner than anticipated.
- **Ordinand Status for Sarah Shipman:** Sarah has preached twice so far, and is scheduled to preach one more time this fall. The vestry was asked to weigh her good standing in the congregation and qualifications as would be befitting the priesthood. A motion was made to discuss, then the vestry unanimously gave approval.
- **Diocesan convention** is this coming Thurs-Fri-Sat. Delegates Rick Backlund, Ted Yungclas and alternate Ken Alexander will attend along with Dean Torey, Canon Jody, Deacon Carl, and Deacon Sarah.
- **Appeal letter from the presiding bishop's office:** Asking for support, commitment, and gratitude for his ministry.

Closing prayer and adjournment

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.