

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – November 19, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order with prayer. A reflection was offered by Vanessa Evans.

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

Treasurer's report: For the month of October, operating income was \$49,611.15 and operating expense was \$88,145.54, resulting in a positive balance of \$38,534.39. Operating income for the year-to-date is \$765,624.64, and operating expense is \$733,189.20, resulting in a negative balance of \$7,564.56.

The Dean's discretionary account had an income of \$211 with expenditures of \$956.93, leaving a balance of \$2,239.59. The Canon's discretionary account had an income of \$90 and expenditures of \$495.91, leaving a balance of \$2,507.60. The Curate's discretionary account had zero income or expenditures for the month, leaving a balance of \$2,787.05.

Cash in the checking account on October 31, 2024, was \$9,995.00.

Alan expressed concern about having money to pay the 2025 diocesan apportionment of \$162,300. The dean suggested that money from the Tom Lewis estate could be applied to the apportionment if needed. Evelyn feels the apportionment should be reflected in the budget as a monthly expense. There was further discussion on the concern but no action taken.

Conversation items:

- **Sound system:** LeRoy asked if there was any follow-up to the sound issue he brought up last month (having to do with the quality of the sound from the choir in the livestream of the service). After some discussion, it was suggested that the issue is not significant enough to spend money on, and no recommendations were offered.
- **Blessing Box:** The dean reported the wooden Blessing Box has been vandalized beyond repair. A new metal box is being constructed that would be a more permanent fixture. There was discussion about placing the box in a more visible location however no recommendations were made.

Canon's report: Jody reported that she attended two diocesan annual conventions this fall...one for the Diocese of Kansas, and the other for the diocese of Western Missouri. She has also been working with the dean on the upcoming budget process.

Dean's report

- Outgoing Vestry members Alan Johnson, Vanessa Hill and Mark Quintana will comprise the nominations team for three new Vestry members.
- Don Chubb has submitted a letter to the bishop that he's reached an age in excess of 75, and requesting that he be reinstated to his present ministries. This is standard administrative protocol each year for clergy over the age of 75.
- The distribution of Boy Scout funds from the estate of Tom Lewis approved by Vestry had called for \$10,000 to be kept by Grace Cathedral as a grant match to help with eventual fundraising for Phase 2 of the "Copes" ropes course. However, by mistake the amount given for the Scouting endowment program was \$4,000 higher than had been intended. The dean confirmed this with the Council. Both parties now understand that of the amount given to the Scouting endowment, \$4,000 is intended Copes development, and the Cathedral now has \$6,000 to give to Copes in the future rather than the full \$10,000.

- Kathy England, who attended Grace Cathedral for several years, passed away and will have a service at Westminster Presbyterian Church where her membership was held.
- Margaret McGillivary's memorial service will be January 4, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral.
- Stewardship: Current pledges are 124 pledges out of 179 cards that were mailed. This totals \$461,440. The average pledge has gone up, and 22 new pledges have been received so far. The Vestry will need to place reminder phone calls to those who have not pledged yet. Those names were distributed to vestry members.
- The final candidate for the position of Office and Communications Administrator will meet with the staff tomorrow.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting concluded with prayer.

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

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*