

## Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – October 20, 2020

**Present:** Rick Backlund, Brenda Kebert, Tammy King, Cyndi Langston, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Mother Ashley Mather, Gwen McClain, Steve Roth, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Susan Weber

The meeting (held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic) opened with prayer.

**September Minutes:** *A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2020 vestry minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Treasurer's report:** For the month of September, operating income was \$47,426.54 and operating expense was \$66,506.59, resulting in a negative balance of \$19,080.05. Operating income for the year to date is \$663,633.37 and operating expense was \$573,354.86, resulting in a positive balance of \$90,278.51. Cash in the bank on September 30, 2020 was \$166,580.15.

Dean Lightcap, in agreement with Chancellor Cyndi Shepherd Langston, noted that the Treasurer's report does not need a vote of approval from the vestry.

### **Current status of parish:**

- **Live stream proposal:** Steve Burk has worked with consultant, Kirk Patton on proposals for live-streaming capabilities for the Cathedral/All Saints' Hall. Two proposals were received and the consultant is recommending the proposal by SRS out of Lenexa, Kansas. (A copy of the proposal was distributed to vestry members in advance.) The bid for \$68,884.60 would include the purchase and installation of professional-level equipment as opposed to consumer-level. While the professional equipment costs more, the size and low lighting in the Cathedral dictate use of the higher quality equipment in order to get an acceptable outcome. Funds would also be needed to redesign the Cathedral's website to handle the technical capabilities of hosting live-streaming, as well as improvements in our current internet connection. Live-streaming would be used for not only worship services, but also concerts, conferences and other events open to the public, not and beyond the COVID crisis.

Treasurer Lance Royer said there is more enough money left over from the Capital Campaign Fund to pay for the costs. The Diocese may also be able to contribute to the cost since they will also take advantage of live-streaming Diocesan services/events taking place at the Cathedral.

Discussion was held.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the bid from SRS along additional costs of live-streaming, not to exceed \$85,000. Funds will come from the Capital Campaign Fund. If costs exceed \$85,000, further vestry approval would be necessary. Motion unanimously approved.*

**Communion:** Dean Lightcap said beginning November 1, the Cathedral will offer Communion in One Kind at the 9:30 Sunday service. Ministers will come to the parishioners in the pews to distribute communion with limited amount of contact time. The bishop has a directive against distribution of wine at this time. With the bishop's permission, the dean hopes to bless communion kits provided by Brewster Place for use by Chaplain Roger Jackson. These are for those who are quarantining in their rooms and cannot access the monthly services that Grace Cathedral provides to residents."

**Space usage:** Along with staff spending full days at the Cathedral offices now, All Saints' Hall is also being utilized more for group meetings and activities.

### **Reports from Vestry reps:**

- **Adult Education:** Rick reported that Scott Shipman to be teaching for 3 weeks in November on the role of the church supporting the community during previous pandemics.
- **Outreach:** Gwen reported on the Blanket fund, organized by Marilyn Trubey. The Outreach Committee will match donations up to \$1200 to purchase and distribute blanket throws to Saturday morning sack lunch clients.

They are considering ideas for distribution of gloves, socks and hats for the winter. Operation Food Secure program has been growing and is successful.

- **Endowment:** Steve reported that endowment investments should have some profits for the year. The Trustees do not feel at this time that the upcoming election will have a large effect on the stock market.

**Curate report:** Mother Ashley reported that she recently returned from a two-week vacation. In addition to regular duties, she is taking a webinar class on “civil discourse in the midst of uncivil times.”

**Dean’s report:** The dean reported that the bishop has asked congregations to investigate the history of race and race relations in their cities and church over the next year.

No other business to report.

Vestry adjourned. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*