

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – April 20, 2021

Present: Rick Backlund, Linda Ditch, Brenda Kebert, Cynthia Shepherd Langston, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

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

March Minutes: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 2021 vestry minutes as presented.*
Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's report: For the month of March, operating income was \$56,827.89 and operating expense was \$56,212.64, resulting in a positive balance of \$515.25. Operating income for the year to date is \$240,329.93, and operating expense was \$183,636.29, resulting in a positive balance of \$56,693.64. Cash in the bank on March 31, 2021 was \$150,649.60.

Lance reported that finances are looking good for April. There is a new line item in the Capital Federal Special Accounts for the new stained glass windows and money has been added to that fund from the donors. The report was accepted as presented.

BKSM agreement: Cyndi reported that a new agreement between Grace Cathedral and the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry is being developed. This agreement will serve as the official contract for BKSM to continue using the space in the lower level as well as details about insurance, utilities, etc. No additional expenses will be incurred by the Cathedral with this contact.

Current status report:

- Discussion continued on the possibility of using the Cathedral as a COVID vaccination site. Linda said the next step would be to contact the Shawnee County Health Department for their input. Linda and Dean Lightcap will continue looking into the possibility.
- The live-streaming equipment installation is almost complete. Cameras/brackets will be installed next week and training will be held for staff members.
- Website upgrades for both the Cathedral and Great Spaces are ongoing. Webmaster Bill Joseph is working on those projects.
- A discussion was held on whether future vestry meeting should continue on Zoom or be held in person. No decision was made.
- Discussion was also held on returning to two services on Sundays or keeping just the 9:30 service for the time being. The dean is weighing those options and will keep the vestry informed.

Reports from Vestry reps:

- Brenda met with Kathy Smith to brainstorm ideas for children and youth. They hope to meet regularly.
- Suzanne met with three others regarding evangelism. She inquired if there is a way to track the people participating in the online offerings. Dean Lightcap can share who is watching Compline.
- Susan had a meeting with the dean, Carolyn Jones and Gwen McClain to pool resources on pastoral care and are planning on organizing pastoral care ministries at the Cathedral.
- Rick said Adult Education classes for the rest of the spring are being organized. The classes may break for the summer.

Dean's report: The dean reported that he has received his second COVID vaccination. He has also received a good report from his oncologist, and he gave the vestry an update on Barbara's hospitalization.

Upcoming dates:

- April 25: Bishop Bascom will be at the Cathedral to preach and will also lead the Adult Education class to share information on the Bethany Place Garden.
- May 12: Celebration of a new ministry and welcoming of a dean service at 6 p.m.
- June 20: Confirmation (Zoom and in-person classes will be held in preparation.)
- July 4: a possible outdoor concert for the 4th of July.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*