

Grace Episcopal Cathedral Minutes of the Vestry Meeting – October 19, 2021

Present: Rick Backlund, Linda Ditch, Suzanne DeWeese, Ron Langston, Dean Torey Lightcap, Lance Royer, Chris Shermoen, Susan Weber, Dennis Weikel

The meeting (held via Zoom) opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: For the month of September, operating income was \$43,180.82 and operating expense was \$64,073.03 resulting in a negative difference of \$20,892.21. Operating income for the year to date is \$613,911.03 and operating expense for the year to date is \$602,182.36 resulting in a positive difference of \$11,728.67. Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on September 30, 2021 was \$107,166.21.

Ministry reports

- **Adult Formation:** Rick reported that new classes recently started. Scott Shipman plans to teach after the Christmas break. The Adult Formation Committee will meet soon to determine the schedule for next spring and they hope to recruit new members.
- **Building and Grounds:** There is still loose material on the top of the tower (from the lightning strike) requiring the front entrance to be blocked off.
- **Finance:** Chris said the Finance Committee met in early October to look at the budget for 2022. Another meeting is scheduled for early November.
- **Evangelism:** Suzanne reported on a meeting where a decision was made to reinstate some traditional programs on Sunday mornings, i.e. greeters, prayer stations and coffee hour.
- **Hospitality:** Susan needs to find out what sort of hospitality activities are allowed to take place at this time with certain COVID restrictions still in place.
- **Architectural glass:** Some concerns on the content and diversity of the Pentecost window have been passed along to the designers at Willett Stained Glass Studios.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Rick offered a recap of the Adult Forum classes on St. Simon's Episcopal Church and social justice.
- **Stewardship:** The annual Stewardship Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 6. The Grace Reader's Theatre will provide the entertainment.

Dean's report: Dean Lightcap is organizing a search committee for the organist/choirmaster position. He is also working with a group to come up with a more systematic approach to pastoral care.

The Cathedral is hosting the diocesan convention this year.

The Cathedral's minster group is writing an Advent devotional booklet for congregation members. The diocese is planning an Advent Quiet Day on December 11 at the Cathedral.

With no other business, the meeting was then adjourned with a prayer. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

— Respectfully submitted by Connie Vosburgh, *Vestry Recorder*