

Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting via Zoom
May 19, 2020

Minutes

Vestry and Clergy Present: Crystal Clary, Laurel Destry, Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene, Mary Hartman, Michael Lodico, Dale McDonald, Pat Robinson, Rev. Joslyn Schaefer, Lauri SoJourneyer

Guests: Walt Austin, Sandy Curtis, Karen Morris

Absent: Mary Lockey, Kenneth Ratcliffe

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Communication guidelines were reviewed.

Michael led the devotional.

Pastoral updates were given by Joslyn and Mo Gaelyn.

Joslyn led the group in prayer.

April minutes were approved with the following corrections: 1) add Kenneth Ratcliffe as absent, 2) correct "house" to "hours" in the outreach/pantry section, and 3) correct the spelling of Lauri SoJourneyer's name.

Finance - Sandy Curtis gave an overview of the financials.

- The Vestry Reserve Fund 4.455 increased by a \$2300 donation
- 4 new accounts were added to the Operating Income area to track new grants we have received

Walt provided an update of YTD (through April) income and expenses. We are ahead of budgeted income and below budgeted expenses. Despite this situation which looks positive we could end the year with a \$50K shortfall. This would require us to draw from cash and other places to cover expenses. Mid year we will communicate the situation as it stands to the congregation.

There was a discussion about **building use**. Thoughts and recommendations were as follows:

- Our first focus should be on worship vs other uses of the building
- We could develop a timeline for anticipated regathering
- We will update the parish with information about gathering options via e-news. Joslyn's ideas as of the meeting were:
 - 11 a.m. worship under the tent to be set up on front lawn- size limits based on state guidelines - currently at 25
 - 10 a.m. online worship continues
 - build up the Wednesday service
 - drive through communion
 - bring your own prayer book

- masks required for outside worship
- set up hand sanitizer station(s) outside
- The Rector must approve any uses of the facilities
- We will plan to go slowly and be careful. There is so much that we do not know.

We have two Purell dispensers on order for our facilities.

AA has not contacted us about using the downstairs space as of the time of the meeting.

Pat led the fun activity for the group.

Committee Reports (in addition to minutes)

Building and Grounds -

- Consideration for a lockbox for donations.
- We occasionally have someone living outside the church. When this occurs Joslyn usually leaves them a note indicating that they will need to relocate and take their belongings by a specific date or their belongings will be removed.

Education -

- Sarah Yeargin has done a great job leading the Children's Formation on Sunday mornings. She will not be able to continue for the rest of the summer so we are looking for replacement leaders.
- There was a book group reading **Sustainable Youth Ministry**. Mo Gaelyn led this discussion and Joslyn will attend the last meeting of the group.

Parish Life -

- ECW is disbanding. There was a discussion about whether the Christmas Cookie Sale and Tablescapes belong under Outreach or Parish Life. TBD

Outreach -

- Unlikely that Tablescapes will occur this summer.
- T shirts will be available for sale
- Parish Fair - The Vestry voted unanimously that we will not be able to host this event in July. The vestry will determine at a later date if it is possible to consider holding the fair in October. Several other options were discuss such as having a trunk sale at the Fair Grounds. The concern is that many organizations depend on the funding they receive from this event and we continue to look for alternative ways to generate income. One such idea is creating a ministry of holding Estate Sales.

The Vestry members will be conducting a telephonic outreach to the parish to identify how/when the parish wishes to resume face to face worship and fellowship.

Another brief vestry meeting is scheduled to discuss regathering - to be held via Zoom next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted,
Karen Morris
Clerk