

## Grace Church in the Mountains

### Vestry Minutes 1/13/2019

**Present:** The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Paula Welling (Sr. Warden), Crystal Clary, Linda Deeb, Dale McDonald, Kenneth Ratcliffe, Cathy Simons, Lauri SoJourney, Rob Viau

**Absent:** Mary Hartman (Jr. Warden)

#### Updates

- Meeting dates for the year were confirmed – the third Tuesday of the month except April will be the fourth Tuesday due to Easter. If July Vestry meeting coincides with Joslyn’s vacation, that meeting will be moved.
- Minutes from the Vestry meeting will be approved electronically approximately one week after the meeting, so they can be distributed to the congregation sooner.
- From now on, Vestry members will submit minutes from Standing Committee meetings rather than written reports.
- The focus of the first quarter newsletter will be on organizational structure/ change.
- Two families are interested in the Rectory and ready to sign a lease.

#### New Business

- Minutes: Rob moved to approve the December minutes. Kenneth seconded. Passed.
- Treasurer’s Report
  - Needs some clarification before it can be approved. Joslyn will follow up.
  - Paul moved that if there is a surplus from 2018, 90% will go to property preservation and 10% will go to outreach. Lauri seconded. **Passed.**
- Fundraising
  - Rob moved to authorize the sponsorship team of the Icons Committee to solicit the congregation for funds to sponsor the icons exhibit. Dale seconded. **Passed.**
  - Lauri moved to authorize the Boy Scouts to do a BBQ fundraiser and work with the Parish Life Committee to select an appropriate date. Kenneth seconded. **Passed.**
- Room Use Requests
  - Crystal motioned that Radical Inclusion Free Yoga Class be authorized to use the Martha’s room on Thursday 1/24 from 5:45 to 7:45. Cathy seconded. Passed.
  - Kenneth motioned that EACH be authorized to use either the Parlor or the Martha’s room Monday through Friday daytime hours as an office space with a 90-day review and be allowed to use the copier and reimburse copy expenses. Cathy seconded. **Passed.**
- Leadership and Vision
  - Lauri motioned adoption of the following Missional Priorities. Rob seconded. **Passed:**
    1. To steward God’s creation faithfully.
    2. To develop a vibrant ministry to youth, children, and young adults.
    3. To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors.

- Lauri moved the following standing committee appointments. Cathy seconded. **Passed:**
  1. Outreach (Cathy Simons and Paula Welling, Liaisons) Michael Lodico (Chair), Betsy Stecher, Sue Shirley, John Zeller, Gwen Breese, Vicky Gribble
  2. Education (Mary Hartman & Rob Viau, Liaisons) Mary Lockey, Mike Shirley, Laura Armoour, Donna Buckner, Jim Treston, Bill Simmons, Pam Nolte-Viau, Earle Pratt
  3. Parish Life (Linda Deeb, Lauri SoJourney, Liaisons) Pam Davis, Michael Gracie, Chas Lawrence, Natalie Bayless, Mary Lou Dailey, Joyce Brooks, Maureen Hunt
  4. Finance (Dale McDonald, Liaison) Jim Moore (Chair), Fred Deeb, Melanie Walt, Sara Tyburski, Peter Welling, Orion Davis
  5. Buildings & Grounds (Crystal Clary & Kenneth Ratcliffe, Liaisons) Bob Vogt (Chair), Joe Tyburski, Kathie Johnson, Kent Clary, Joe Root, Tony Sexton
- Crystal moved that we charged the committees with the duties as follows. Linda seconded. **Passed:**
  1. Finance Committee – To oversee monies gathered through parishioner’s stewardship and entrusted through endowment and other funds by developing annual budgets, monitoring investments, auditing church finances annually, and advising the Vestry.
  2. Buildings & Grounds – To maintain current facilities, steward the Church’s property, and implement property changes as directed by the Vestry.
  3. Parish Life – To care for our parish community and to welcome and incorporate newcomers.
  4. Outreach – To enable our hands to be God’s hands in caring, comforting, and advocating for God’s people beyond our doors
  5. Education – To grow in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and be informed by Scripture, Reason and Tradition

**Next month’s agenda:** Set SMART goals for each missional priority, schedule dates for quarterly Vestry reports to the parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri SoJourney