

## **Grace Church in the Mountains**

### **Vestry Meeting**

**November 19, 2019**

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** Crystal Clary, Sandy Curtis (Treasurer), Linda Deeb, Mo Gaelynnne Evengreen+, Mary Hartman, Mary Lockey, Dale McDonald, Joslyn Schaefer+, Lauri SoJourney, Rob Viau, Paula Welling

**Absent:** Kenneth Ratcliffe, Karen Morris (Clerk)

#### **Remembering God' Loving Presence**

Joslyn and other shared congregational care updates.

Lauri led a devotion.

#### **Rector and Warden Updates**

Vestry reviewed what has worked well in our work together and what we would do differently.

Approval of October minutes was moved by Lauri and seconded by Dale. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the status of the rectory and its current renters. Rent and utilities have been late. It was agreed that the current renters lease would not be renewed and will end February 1. A task force was formed to study the possibility of working with EACH to lease the rectory. Members are Mary H, Mary L, Paula, and Dale. Dale will chair.

Second vote on approving policies was taken. Updated hard copies are in Admin office above administrator's desk. Passed unanimously.

First vote on policy to allow absentee voting. Passed unanimously.

Joslyn and Sandy updated Vestry on stewardship campaign. Vestry members will be assigned calls to make to parishioners who have not pledged and thank you notes to write to parishioners who have pledged. There will be a budget work day scheduled.

Discussion was held on agenda for annual meeting

#### **Standing Committee Updates**

Finance / Treasurer's (written report). We are tracking close to budget. The balance sheet now shows \$32K in assets for the new icons.

Education (written report). A motion was made by Mary H and seconded by Mary L to put together an ad hoc group to evaluate AV equipment and make a recommendation to the committee. Members are John Culp, Kenneth Ratcliffe, and Mike Shirley.

Outreach (written report).

Buildings and Grounds (written report). There was discussion about the proposal for dealing with tree work.

Parish Life (written report). It was recommended that each standing committee would be asked to host a Lenten dinner.

There was a question about what committee holds responsibility for holding an AED training. It was agreed that is a Vestry responsibility.

#### **SMART Goals Review**

1. To steward God's creation faithfully

*Partner with First United Methodist to explore a Collaborative Creation Care Ministry (in process).*

2. To develop a vibrant ministry for children, youth and young adults

*Develop a vision for and equip those called to Children's Chapel Ministry by 12/1.*

3. To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors

*Support and evaluate monthly senior lunches to discern whether to continue in 2020.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri SoJourney