

**Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting - Thatcher Hall
May 20, 2021**

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging, serving and reverencing God's creation.

Minutes

Vestry and Clergy Present: Michael Lodico, Laura Armour, Larry Davis, Laurel Destry, Mary Lockey, Mariah Nehus, Pat Robinson, Rev. Joslyn Schaefer

Absent: Dale McDonald, Lauri SoJourneyer

Guests: Karen Morris, Walt Austin

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Laurel led us in prayer and the devotional.

The communication guidelines were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. This included the following:

- Vestry Minutes of 4/15/2021 - approved with 2 changes
- Receiving of the April Financial Statements (Operating Budget, Designated Funds and Balance Sheet)

Big Picture Ministry and Mission

- How are the committees going and what support is needed? The committee presented their committee reports and integrated their answers to the above questions during the discussion.

Outreach

- The Parish Fair will be held on July 24th. Holy Smoke will provide the food for purchase at the fair and the proceeds will go to St. Andrews outreach. The grant process has not started in earnest yet.
- Pantry - 24 hour pantry is very well used

- Grace Giving Garden is growing well
- Creation Care - will be incorporated into the Parish Fair
 - W Carolina Action Commission - may get recyclable bags and there may be some demos and infos on solar panels
- Monthly EACH meeting was uplifting. Coaches are pleased with progress and Sarah's completion of her CNA certification. Sarah is planning to continue her education with a focus on education.
- A discussion and prayer time was set aside to determine what/how to distribute the \$6500 in excess from prior year's budget. Helping Hands of Haywood provide services for the unsheltered population in the county who are not eligible for other services. Joslyn has been referring people to them when appropriate. A motion was made and seconded to donate the \$6500 to Helping Hands of Haywood. This was unanimously approved.

Support needed will be for people to set up for the fair.

Parish Programs

- Sundaes on Saturday to be held - ice cream, games and art projects
 - Arts Committee - prayer flag art project - cloth and paper
- A discussion about acolyte training and other children's programs - Madison will be able to help with these programs when she is here
- Adult Forums are scheduled through July 11
- Creation Care can follow through with adult and children formation programs. Work with committee to set dates.

Administration

- The bookkeeping position has been reconsidered. Andrea's job description includes these functions. She will be trained to fulfill this role which will result in an increase of her work hours and eliminate the need for an additional staff person.
- We need to identify someone to act as a kitchen point person to order supplies, etc. This could be multiple people vs one person.
- The Audit Committee needs 6 people. Peter Nurse and Bill Collins will be approached to participate. Committee members need to be identified in June.
- The Administration Committee needs an additional member on the standing committee. Michael Lodico will reach out to fill this opening.

The catechumen will be enrolled on Pentecost Sunday.

The agenda for the parish wide meeting was discussed.

The agenda and objectives for the Vestry retreat was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next Vestry Meeting will be held at the Vestry Retreat June 18 - 20.

Submitted,

Karen Morris

Clerk

