

Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting
July 13, 2021

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

Minutes

Vestry and Clergy Present: Dale McDonald, Michael Lodico, Laura Armour, Laurel Destry, Mary Lockey, Mariah Nehus, Pat Robinson, Lauri SoJourney, Kathie Johnson, Rev. Joslyn Schaefer, Madison Owen

Guests: Karen Morris, Walt Austin, Gary Roberts

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

The meeting started with Pastoral Check-in and was followed by a review of the communication guidelines. A prayer for guidance was said by all present.

Consent Agenda

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

- June Vestry Minutes
- Receiving of the June Financial Statements (Operating Budget, Designated Funds and Balance Sheet)

Old Business

- The Creation Care Alliance Covenant was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to sign on to the covenant (Laurel/Laurie). This passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to pay \$500 from the Vestry Reserve Fund to the Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina. (Michael/Laurie) This passed unanimously. Laura will follow up with the application and check.
- The theme of "Emerging with Grace" for upcoming stewardship was proposed. The Administrative Committee is to come up with timelines. The idea is to have meals with prayer partners during late September/early October. Joslyn will propose groups.
- 9/19 is the date of the Ministry Fair and kick off of the stewardship campaign

New Business

- A motion was made to allow use of the building for the Northeast Summer Percussion Association Cookout and Fundraiser on Friday, September 24. (Laurie/Laurel) Passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Updates

Outreach

- Fair intake is underway
- No grant applications have been submitted yet
- Lake Logan crew accomplished a lot
- We completed a grant application on behalf of Lake Logan/Camp Henry and were awarded 1 of 10 national awards to address Environmental Racism. A \$23,000 grant for preventing sediment from entering the waterways by planting river cane was awarded. The river cane will be used by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in their traditional crafts, and studies of Cherokee culture will continue to be taught at Camp Henry.

Parish Programs

- Adult Forums are scheduled through August
- The Gathering and Taize Services will return
- Art Committee hung up the prayer flags in Thatcher Hall
- After the fair we will be looking at creating a labyrinth
- Potential for Winter Break - Bible School. Edible Theology is one idea.
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Administration

- We are advertising the cemetery plot
- Cellular shades will be purchased for the choir room from the Building and Grounds budget. Estimated cost is \$300-\$350.
- Mid-August the work on the sacristy will begin
- On-line giving committee is established
- There will be a hybrid worship committee that will be led by Madison

A closing prayer for Quiet Confidence was offered by all.

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

The next meeting is August 24, 2021.

Submitted,

Karen Morris

Clerk

