

Grace Church Vestry Minutes
April 23, 2024

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

Called to order at 6:01 pm.

DEVOTIONAL (Georgia leading us on pg. 10 of *Meditations for Vestry Members*)

PRAYER & [COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES](#) (#4 by Barbara)

PASTORAL Check-in

Attendees: Mary Lockey, Barbara Rowe, Betty Bradley, John Turley, Suzie Leclaire, Joyce Brooks, Georgia Raines, Jesse Nelson, Rev. Joslyn Shaefer, Michael Boss (Treasurer) and David Ferguson (clerk).

Absent: Deacon Carter Smith, Tracy Baum, Gary Roberts.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve [March minutes](#)
- Receive financial reports for March:
 - o [Balance Sheet](#)
 - o [MTD Fund Activity](#)
 - o [YTD Fund Activity](#)
 - o [Treasurer's Report](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda made by John, seconded by Suzie and unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORTS

(Link reports for Vestry to read; list items needing discussion or requiring Vestry action in **red**)

- PARISH PROGRAMS Report [here](#)

Meeting bi-monthly, approved Summer Fellowship which will be more of a spiritual development opportunity this year - meeting June - August. Children's time is now included each Sunday during the service.

- OUTREACH Report [here](#)
Outreach proposed budget [here](#)

Motion to approve all three items regarding budget made by Betty, seconded by John and unanimously approved. *Note - 2024 budget remains \$11,015.00. Surplus monies available from operating and endowment funds.

- ADMINISTRATION Report [here](#)
Vote: To earmark \$15,000 gift as unrestricted Vestry Reserve

Motion made by Mary, seconded by Georgia and unanimously approved.

Vote: To approve time-bound Designated Fund for Haywood County End of Life Coalition. Fund will expire in April 2025

Motion made by Barbara, seconded by Joyce and unanimously approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT

- VPOD [sign up](#) for next several months
- Visioning ideas from each Standing Committee

Information/visioning ideas due to Barbara by May 6 to be prepared for discussion on retreat May 10-11.

- Preparing for Visioning Retreat 5/10 & 11
- May 5 Forum

Vestry updates including endowment information and also a table activity for parishioners to envision our future parish. Info. gathered will be used on Vestry Visioning retreat.

RECTOR'S REPORT

- Vote: Request approval for Grace to apply for [Sustainable Mission Global Mission grant](#) for HART Rehab project in Ukraine
- Vote: Request approval for [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between Grace and End of Life coalition
- Vote: Request approval for applying to the Diocese for a grant to fund (up to \$10,000) AV improvements to Grace.

Motion made by Georgia, seconded by Joyce and unanimously approved.

- Endowment Awareness Plans
 - **Parish-wide mailing by Thursday, 5/9**, with cover letter, rack card, and invitation/RSVP to the 5/23 Endowment Tea.
 - **Endowment Awareness Event with Refreshments, Thursday, 5/23, 5:30-7:00 pm.**
- Newcomer Welcome Liturgy May 12; & Reception - Monday, May 13, 5:30 pm - anyone willing to help?
 - Pamela Waldroun, Nancy Carpenter, Tim & Beth Thrift, Arika and Eric Morrison, Debbie & Chuck Dearman, Penny & Roger Armstrong, Andrea Salib, Trent Pcenicni,
- View [May / June Planning Calendar](#)

Pentecost on May 19 - celebrating 55 years of ministry for both Fr. Orion and Fr. Earle.

Note - Rev. Joslyn on vacation first two weeks of June and then in school for the third week.

CLOSING PRAYER: Jesse
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Ferguson.