

**Grace Church in the Mountains**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**April 23, 2019 6:15 p.m.**

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

Guests: Sandy Curtis (Treasurer), Karen Morris (Clerk)

Devotion was led by Mary Hartman. It was agreed that the Vestry, Treasurer and Clerk will be praying for the directory throughout the year.

### **Old Business**

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, there was a second and it passed unanimously.

Newcomers: Joslyn provided updates on newcomer activities.

- Newcomer Liturgy is scheduled for May 5th at both services. Representing the Vestry will be Mary Hartman at 8 a.m. and Paula Welling at the 10:30 service.
- A Newcomer Gathering will be held on the deck on May 14th. This will be from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Food will be provided. The Vestry is encouraged to attend.
- The Welcome Table is set up and we are in need of additional greeters.

Missional Priorities:

An update to the SMART goals was provided:

1. To steward God's creation faithfully: A kitchen blessing will be scheduled for May 26th after the 10:30 a.m. service. Paula Welling will check with Pathways to see if they are in need of items for their kitchen in the new building. If so, we will host the event as a "kitchen shower" for Pathways. Laurie SoJourney will coordinate activities during this event.
2. To develop a vibrant ministry for children, youth, and young adults: a) Rite 13 and Godly Play will be combined during the month of May. The focus will be to enhance awareness of Icons and how they can be used in worship. b) There was a decision made to hold Children's Chapel during the summer months.
3. To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors: a) There was a discussion about modifying some of the parking in front of the church. The Vestry is to come prepared to present recommendations and vote on those during the May Vestry meeting. b) There was a discussion about modifying the front doors of the building from manual to automated. No vote was taken and it was tabled for further recommendation. c) It was decided that we should seek out a leader to host a luncheon following the Wednesday eucharist.

## **New Business**

- A gift of 3 fire azaleas was approved for the Memorial Garden from Bernadette Ray.
- A gift of \$1000 for new Advent hangings was approved unanimously by the Vestry.
- In addition to the electronic posting of Vestry Minutes it was decided that they will be posted next to the pictures in the entry way to Thatcher Hall to increase accessibility to information.
- Preparation for the Congregational Meeting at 9:15 a.m. on May 5th were made. Vestry members who will be present are Rob, Paula, Ken, Mary and Crystal. Topics to be included are:
  - Property behind Grace Church
  - Vestry Communication
  - Icons in Transformation
  - Curate and Ordination (June 20th)
  - Overview of the new organization structure of standing committees
  - Church Picnic in September
  - Update on Mission Trip
- There was a discussion about updating the lighting in the hallway to enhance the viewing of the Icon exhibit. A motion was made and seconded. The resolution did not pass. There were 8 votes opposed and one abstention.
- Standing Committee Reports - minutes were distributed. The only additional information to the reports is outlined below:
  - Outreach - The fair grant requests will include the amount being sought by the agency. There will be an adult forum in June to discuss the fair and how the proceeds will be allocated.

## **Upcoming Dates**

### Quarterly Congregational Meetings

- May 5
- August 4
- November 17 (introduce Vestry candidates)

### Annual Meeting

- December 1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Morris