

**Grace Church in the Mountains**

**Vestry Meeting**

**April 24, 202**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Crystal Clary, Sandy Curtis (Treasurer), Mo Gaelyn Evangreene, Mary Hartman, Mary Lockey, Dale McDonald, Rector Joslyn Schaefer, Lauri SoJourney, Laurel Destry, Pat Robinson, Michael Lodico, Karen Morris (clerk), Walt Austin (Asst Treasurer)

Guest: Lydiya Potapenko

Absent: Kenneth Ratcliffe

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Sandy led the devotional.

Joslyn introduced Lidiya Potapenko - a 2nd year Divinity Student at Duke who will be working with us this August 9. She will begin on May 31st and work from home through June. The rest of the summer TBD based upon the virus. She will be a liaison to the Pigeon Center.

She is originally from the Ukraine and then Southern California. This is her 1st time on the east coast and living in the south. We welcome her to our parish.

Joslyn and Mo Gaelyn reviewed pastoral care for the parish family.

The group reviewed what has been working well and areas that need more attention. A list from that discussion is below:

Positives	Needs Attention
video presence	parishioners with limited or no technology - how do we better engage with them
food pantry ministry	more youth programs to keep them engaged (maybe calls and texts)
Grace Giving Garden is ahead of schedule	projects at church, e.g. painting walls, emailing new members
fence installed	
creation care is a working well	
music at worship	

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Mary Hartman will get an update from Bill Collings regarding the inventory process.

There was a discussion about Shifting Paradigms - thoughts and reactions.

Lauri led a fun activity/discussion about favorite books.

Michael Lodico has written a document about stewardship. This was reviewed and Joslyn will post in the FAQs on the website after Orion reviews the document.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### **Finance**

Financials were reviewed. All accounts are in balance. YTD we are trending well. Pledges are ahead of what was expected and expenses are in line. A designated fund for the food pantry will be used to track the funds from 2 grants we received.

Walt gave an update changes to the formats that he is working on. Previously some accounts were not labeled appropriately. His goal is to create consistency and transparency. The Memorial fund and Prepaid gardens fund will move to the operating fund.

The fence was paid for from the sale of the property to the Catholic Church. It was paid from the vestry reserve fund.

Mary Hartman will contact Fred Deeb about selling the cemetery plot.

We received a \$10,000 donation for Grace House which will be used to pay the rent. EACH is paying the utilities.

**Education** - has not met since the beginning of March

**Outreach** - We are tracking volunteer hours in the pantry. The Grace Giving Garden is ahead of schedule. Sew Graceful is sewing masks. The Vestry will make a decision regarding the Parish Fair at the May 19 meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds** - fence completed around Grace House.

**Parish Life** - has not met.

There was a discussion about what re-entry from Covid-19 restrictions may look like. Dale sent an article for thoughts and review. Laurie sent a video to Joslyn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Morris**