

**Vestry Minutes**  
**August 23, 2022**

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

**Present:** Barbara Rowe, Pat Robinson, Kathie Johnson, Laurel Destry, Mariah Nehus, Michael Lodico, Joslyn Schaefer +

**Guests:** Walt Austin, Gary Roberts, Karen Morris, Bob Vogt, Carter Smith

**Absent:** John Culp, John Turley

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

**DEVOTIONAL & Prayer & COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES** Barbara Rowe

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Discussion is about the chapter on forgiveness.

The Communication Guidelines were reviewed.

**PASTORAL Check-in**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve July Minutes
- Receive Financial Reports - Joslyn will review various iterations of the 2022 budget.
  - *A motion was made to approve the July Minutes and the Financial Reports as presented. Motion and Second: Mariah/Laurel - unanimously approved.*

**ADMINISTRATION** (notes from standing committee meeting)

- Project (Fire alarm / roof ) Budget Overview
- \*Grace House Rental Agency / Section 8?
  - *Motion: Use Select Homes to manage the property using their full service option. They have 410 homes under management. Moved/Seconded: Barbara/Pat - Unanimously approved.*
  - *Would we approve a Section 8 rental? Yes.*

- *\*Roof Proposal (check out these engineering reports (1 and 2) and the quote) – Check out these and other documents here.*
  - *Administration Committee recommends contracting with Pisgah Roofing Restoration for the Endura metal roof option (heavier gauge) - \$106,976.43 - Vestry approved by unanimous vote*
- *\*Fire Alarm Proposal and Updated Proposal -*
  - *Motion: Approve the Asheville Security System - wired system vs wireless. Cost estimate is \$35,300. \$45/month for the service. Motion/Second: Admin committee recommendation - unanimously approved*
- *Budget.*
  - *Ultimately two banks were considered for a loan to pay for the roof and fire alarm. (add info re: terms from link)*
    - *A motion was made and seconded (Barbara/Kathie) to use United Community Bank for the loan with the following terms:*
    - *Loan amount: \$150,000 max*
    - *Type of Loan: Permanent Loan*
    - *Interest Rate: 5.20%*
    - *Loan Origination Fee: ½% of loan commitment*
    - *Payment: Line of credit-interest only for 6 months*
    - *20 yr amortization with a 5 yr balloon note.*
    - *No prepayment penalty unless refinanced with another institution.*
    - *Closing Costs: \$400 plus Attorney's Fees*
    - *The goal is to pay it off prior to the balloon payment due date*

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

- *Appreciations - Fair, Newcomer's Luncheon, Labyrinth Workshop, Madison's Good-bye...*
- *Teaching Moment on Christian Stewardship - Discussed pre-stewardship activities, review of last year's time and talent survey, Ways to Give to God's work through Grace Church.*

- Gift Acceptance Policy -
  - \*Gift acceptance for real property -
    - A motion was made and seconded (Barbara/Kathie) to accept 2 motorcycles that were donated to the church. This passed by unanimous vote.
    - A motion was made and seconded (Michael/Pat) to put the proceeds from the sale of the 2 motorcycles in the Vestry Reserve account. This passed by unanimous vote.
- Theme Brainstorm and then Nuts and Bolts/Timeline (attachment forthcoming)

Funding for the endowment dinner - Michael/Laura - vestry reserve fund

**OUTREACH:** (Standing Committee notes [here](#).)

- \*See notes for recommendations for Parish Fair grant distribution *Barbara made the motion to accept the grant distributed as presented. Kathie seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**PARISH PROGRAMS:** Notes from SC meeting ([here](#))

- Preparing for Fall – Godly Play & “GraceFirst” Youth with FUMC
- Review [Planning Calendar](#) esp. September
- Develop Check-list for events / programs?
- Newcomers link to [spreadsheet](#);
- A motion was made and seconded (Pat/Kathie) to spend up to \$1600 for pavers for the labyrinth to be paid from the Memorial Fund. This passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned - 8:30

Submitted,



Karen Morris,  
Vestry Clerk