**Grace Church in the Mountains**

**Vestry Minutes**

**June 18, 2019 6:09 p.m.**

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

Absent: Crystal Clary, Lauri SoJourner

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

Devotion was led by Paula Welling.

**Missional Priorities**

The Missional Priorities have been fulfilled. New SMART Goals were suggested as follows:

* 1. To steward God’s creation faithfully
		+ Promote *Reforesting Faith* book study to begin August 25
	2. To develop a vibrant ministry for children, youth and young adults
		+ Develop theme and recruit volunteers for VBS, July 31 - Aug 3rd
	3. To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors
		+ Find organizer for Wednesday luncheon after Noon Eucharist
		+ Offer training for homebound ministry teams by end of summer

**Old Business**

Two electronic votes were taken last month. Both motions passed.

* 1. To approve the May minutes.
	2. To approve a quilting supplies gift from the estate of Michael Jolly to benefit the fair.

Joslyn provided an update on the land sale to St. Johns.

* + The amount of land being sold is .076 acres.
	+ We will be paid $5,000 for this land.
	+ We will have access to the fields though a gate installed on our side of the property.

**New Business**

**Treasurer’s Report:** The investment account was the only account not reconciled. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made, there was a second and it passed unanimously.

A discussion took place discussing the loan which is due on July 18, 2021. The interest rate is 4.5% on this loan with a balance around $85,000. The Vestry is seeking a recommendation from the finance committee regarding whether we should pay off this loan early and if so, a recommended plan.

* **Standing Committee Reports** - minutes were distributed. The only additional information to the reports is outlined below:
	+ **Parish Life** - 1) A motion was passed unanimously to change the charge of the committee from “to care for our parish community and to welcome and incorporate newcomers” to “to provide engaging fellowship opportunities and to welcome and incorporate newcomers”.
	+ **Finance Committee -** 1) A Policy Sub-Committee will bring proposals forward at the July meeting for proposed changes to the Endowment documents. 2) A discussion was held about the need for a church-wide inventory. This will be handled by Building and Grounds moving forward.
	+ **Outreach -** 1) A vote to approved the grant requests for proportional distribution based on proceeds from the fair passed unanimously.
	+ **Education** - 1) Bible School dates were updated to July 31 - August 1st. 2) Topic ideas for adult forums should be brought to the education committee.
	+ **Building and Grounds**: 1) We will recruit a team to be “on call” for room arrangements. 2) We reviewed the changes to the parking in the front parking lot - work to be done - no date specified as of the meeting. 3) We acknowledged that we are in a multi-year process to improve accessibility. 4) Ken Ratcliffe will research costs for a bouncy house for the fair’s children’s area.

**Upcoming Dates**

Vestry Meeting

* July 23rd

Quarterly Congregational Meetings

* August 4

Quarterly Meeting introducing Vestry candidates

* November 17

Annual Meeting

* December 1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Morris