

Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Minutes
3/19/2019 at 6:13 PM

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

Absent: Rob Viau

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

Devotion was led by Paula.

Prior to the formal meeting there was a tour of the lot next to the back driveway and a discussion of the proposal that St. John's has made. More detail provided in the notes from the discussion that occurred during the meeting.

Connecting With Our Community

- Vestry members provided updates on phone calls and meetings with newcomers and folks who've been missing recently.

Missional Priorities

An update to the SMART goals was provided:

1. To steward God's creation faithfully: Host two "get to know the kitchen" tours with instructions about the new dishwasher and encouragement to eliminate single-use plastics. Lead: Parish Life - **Update: Linda Deeb to schedule**
2. To develop a vibrant ministry for children, youth, and young adults: Plan and personally call to invite families with children to Ash Wednesday Family Service and Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Lead: Education. **Update: Mary Hartman: We had 20 children and 20 adults at the Lent in a Bag event on Ash Wednesday**
3. To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors: Host focus group and other feedback opportunities to brainstorm accessibility improvements. Lead: Buildings & Grounds and Parish Life. Homebound Ministry will design questions. **Update: Crystal Clary: We are in the process of obtaining an estimate for railings 1) front area of the memorial garden; 2) fire pit area; 3) steps near the pantry.**

Old Business

- Karen Morris was appointed as Clerk for a 2 - 3 year term. Motion: Laurie/Mary. Approved unanimously.
- Sandy Curtis was appointed Treasurer for a 2 - 3 year term. Motion: Mary/Dale. Approved unanimously.
- Steven Hattendorf was appointed to the Outreach Committee. Motion: Laurie/Ken. Approved unanimously.

New Business

Treasurer's Report (Sandy, Fred)

- A motion was made to accept the January financial statement. Motion: Mary/Lauri. The motion was approved unanimously.

Grant Request(s)

- The vestry approved completing a grant application for \$500 from the Master Gardners for the Giving Garden. Grant dollars to be used to purchase tools, gloves, educational materials, etc. Motion: Linda/Crystal Approved unanimously
- Global Mission Grant Application - A motion was made for Grace Church to be the sponsoring parish for a \$10,000 grant for Pathways. Motion: Mary/Laurie Approved unanimously

Icons in Transformation

- Written report was submitted.

Appointment for Vestry Vacancy

- Discussion about developing a list of candidates. Decision to be made a next vestry meeting.

Holy Week Schedule

- Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) to be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m.
- Easter Vigil to be held Saturday night, April 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Curate

- A proposal has been received from the Diocese to host a Curate at Grace. Continued discussions are under way.

Standing Committee Reports - minutes were distributed.

- Parish Life
 - Next Meeting April 2, 2019
- The Finance Committee
 - The accounts have been reconciled
 - Deposits have been lower than expected YTD but nothing extraordinary. It is expected to increase as more summer parishioners arrive.
 - New counters have been approved and trained
 - Audit is to be completed by May 1
 - The Finance Committee is to present their recommendations regarding making extra payments to the debt because interest rates will be going up at the next vestry meeting.
 - Sandy Curtis is continuing her training on Church Windows accounting system.
 - The vestry requested a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the recording of special fund raising line items.
 - Fred Deeb will put together a report on investment performance and present to the Finance Committee on April 9th.
- Outreach
 - Time will be determined to present Parish Fair recruitment in June.
 - The Pigeon Center has requested use of our tent for their April 5th Fish Fry.

- Buildings and Grounds
 - The land transaction was discussed to deed a portion of our property along the rear driveway (6 - 8 ft wide) to St. John's. A motion was made to approve deeding a strip of land to them in return for access to the facilities that they construct, the placement of a gate facing Grace Church for the purpose of access, tree removal, and input on landscaping on our side of the fence. Motion: Ken/Dale. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - A combination lock will be placed on the rear driveway of the rectory. Joslyn will unlock Sunday mornings and the renters will be responsible for locking it at 12:15 p.m. or later.
- Education Committee
 - VBS will be held in August.
 - Next meeting 5/5.

Upcoming Dates

Quarterly Congregational Meetings

- May 5 (date may be changed)
- August 4
- November 17 (introduce Vestry candidates)

Annual Meeting

- December 1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 3PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Morris

- Addendum:
 - An email vote was taken on March 21 and 22 regarding the following: "The B&G Committee would like to use the Property Preservation Funds to cover the cost of installing hand-rails at various locations around the property to enhance accessibility. The estimated cost is \$1265. The actual estimate came in the day after our Vestry meeting, but we did discuss this concept at the meeting. The finance committee endorses this." Unanimously approved.