

**Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting
September 21, 2021**

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

Minutes

Vestry and Clergy Present: Dale McDonald, Michael Lodico, Laura Armour, Mary Lockey, Mariah Nehus, Pat Robinson, Kathie Johnson, Rev. Joslyn Schaefer, Laurel Destry

Absent: Lauri SoJourneyer

Guests: Karen Morris, Walt Austin, Gary Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Joslyn led a devotion.

Pastoral check in was led by Joslyn with input from the Vestry.

The communication guidelines were reviewed.

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Consent Agenda

A motion was made (Laura) and seconded (Mary) to receive the Consent Agenda. This motion passed with unanimous approval. This Consent Agenda included the following:

- August Vestry Minutes and minutes from September 10 e-mail vote.
- Receiving of the August Financial Statements (Operating Budget, Designated Funds and Balance Sheet) & Treasurer's Report

Ministry Planning

- There was a discussion about the Ministry Fair. It was agreed that doing this outside was not ideal. Several ideas to improve this were discussed.
- The Vestry Stewardship Statement was reviewed. Several suggestions were made to reword the document. There was also a discussion about conducting a spiritual inventory for members of the parish.
- The upcoming calendar was reviewed.
- It was recommended to move the Vestry Retreat to the last weekend in January.

New Business

- There was discussion about participating in a Mutual Ministry Review. An outside consultant has been recommended for the process and facilitated discussion. Joslyn to firm up dates.

Old Business

- Pat moved to nominate Laura Armour and Bob Stambaugh as delegates to the Diocesan Convention (Mariah as an alternate). Laurel seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Standing Committee Updates

Comments below are in addition to the submitted written reports

Outreach

- We received a check for \$120 from Scallywags to add to the Parish Fair earnings.
- Grace Church will prepare over 300 lunches during the month of September for those working out in the Cruso flood area.
- We have received a supply of over the counter medication to distribute.
- The garage clean out was completed.

Parish Programs

- Adult Forums are scheduled through mid-October
- Blessing of the Animals is coming up

Administration

- It was moved (Michael) and seconded (Mariah) to consolidate 3.104 and 3.107 (Memorials, Thanksgiving, Honor Fund and Prepaid Memorial Garden Fees). The motion carried unanimously.
- Dale moved to accept a stock gift of \$3010.02 and put it in the General Endowment Fund. Pat seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- We will follow up with Susan Williams to work with Waste Reduction Partners to conduct an energy audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next meeting is October 19, 2021

Submitted,

Karen Morris

Clerk

