

Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting via Zoom
November 17, 2020

Minutes

Vestry and Clergy Present: Mary Hartman, Dale McDonald, Crystal Clary, Michael Lodico, Mary Lockey, Pat Robinson, Rev. Joslyn Schaefer, Lauri SoJourney, Dan Linker, Laurel Destry

Guests: Karen Morris, Sandy Curtis, Walter Austin

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Crystal led the devotional.

Pastoral updates were given and Joslyn led us in prayer.

Consent Agenda

The October Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's Reports were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Operating budget is 106% of pledge receipts YTD
- Loose plate offering is down YTD
- Expenses are running 84% of budget YTD

2021 Budget

- Reviewed based on input thus far. Will review after the first week of December and update.
- The Vestry, Kathie Johnson, Laura Armour and Stephen Hattendorf will write thank you notes.
- 2021 pledge summary was reviewed
- Next Vestry meeting is December 15th and that is the earliest possible date to approved 2021 budget.

Committee Reports (in addition to minutes)

Building and Grounds -

- Windows have been installed in office door.
- Trees were removed.
- Playground assembly is complete.
- We will be getting bids for sacristy repairs/expansion.
- Post lights in the parking lot are not working and will be repaired.
- Joslyn will ask Bishop Jose to visit and consecrate the playground and 24-hour pantry.

Education -

- Braver Angels workshop scheduled for December 5 at 10 a.m. We currently have 44 people signed up for the workshop.
- Advent wreath making with families and children is being planned for Friday, Nov 20th.
- We have 6 readers for the Advent book series.
- Adult formation schedule is full through end of 2020.

- A survey of parents revealed that only 16.67% of respondents were likely to participate in a 9:15 Children's formation zoom. Therefore, no additional programs will be scheduled for that time period.
- A virtual Christmas pageant is being planned.
- The Disciple Bible Study just ended.
- Pub Theology continues.
- Advent Adult Forums will be based on Handel's Messiah.
- Friday afternoon children's book reading is scheduled.

Parish Life -

- Planning a Christmas luncheon for elders.
- December 20th is the greening of the church at 4 p.m.
- Lights have been put up outside the church.
- The HOPE sign is under way.
- Artwork will be featured in the Mountaineer next week.
- A Joy sign is being constructed for Lake Logan.

Outreach -

- New signs are up in the back.
- Community Thanksgiving celebration went very well.
- \$900 was allocated for the Angel Tree
- Three housing kits for youth are available
- We will provide money for Cold Grace vs having the families stay in the Thatcher Hall.

Leadership Development

- Nominees for Vestry due to Joslyn by December 13.

Worship

- Potential for Wednesday night worship on the deck during Advent
- Tentative noon, 5 p.m. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Christmas eve Zoom services
- Christmas Day Zoom
 - Children's Pageant Video
 - Lessons and Carols
- Concern with the Governor's limit to 10 people gatherings although churches are exempt from that limit
- Post Thanksgiving Vestry may do outreach to prayer groups asking if people want to attend a Christmas Eve service in Person

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted,
Karen Morris
 Clerk