

Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting via Zoom
October 20, 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: Marlene Hyatt, Karen Morris, Sandy Curtis

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

Lauri led the devotional.

Pastoral updates were given and Joslyn led us in prayer.

Consent Agenda

The September Meeting Minutes were approved with the information about two electronic votes that were taken.

Financials were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Line item 450 Memorial Garden pre-paid fees shows as a liability but it represents dollars that will never be sent back. Sandy and Walt are looking for a better way to report this item.
- There was a small loss in investment accounts this month.
- All accounts are in balance.
- Misc income higher than it has been which was a result of payments covering Mo. Gaelyn's absence due to COVID. Will be adjusted next month.
- Income is 9% over expected YTD and expenses are 13% below expected.
- Sandy will stay on as Assistant Treasurer into early 2021.

Audit Review

Marlene Hyatt provided highlights of the audit:

- This audit was much improved over the audit 2 years ago.
- Year-end parochial report line item did not match up. Sales tax may have created the discrepancy and/or the timing of expenses hitting.
- The rectory is adequately insured.
- AA and Boyscouts need insurance certificates on file.
- The icons art work was added to the insurance rider.

- The Vestry asked that the audit be revised to show that Ray Escott wasn't missing an I-9 because he was not a paid employee.
- The Vestry unanimously approved the audit with change mentioned above.

Leadership Development

- Nominees for Vestry due to Joslyn by December 13.

Committee Reports (in addition to minutes)

Building and Grounds -

- Electrical outlet was fixed.
- Playground is 95% complete.
- Future plan to extend the sacristy. It will likely cost 3 - 4K to shore up the foundation in the area. This repair will be linked to the expansion of the space.
- No plan to put up film on the windows in the narthex.

Education -

- Braver Angels workshop scheduled for December 5 at 10 a.m. This program can have up to 100 participants. This is a 2 hour session and there is video prework.
- Advent wreath making with families and children is being planned for Friday, Nov 20th.
- A Taize service is being planned for the night after the election.
- Adult formation schedule is full through end of 2020.
- Children formation schedule is still in process pending results of a survey of parents.

Parish Life -

- An open issue for future discussion is bringing the Chamber Music Festival from the Methodist Church over to Grace in 2021.
- The Hope art project submissions are coming in.
- Considering doing a meal in Thatcher Hall for those who will be alone at Thanksgiving or potentially providing a voucher for the Thanksgiving meal at Lake Logan.

Outreach -

- The signage was reviewed and was very positively received.
- The land needs to be cleared for the 24/7 food pantry. It will be built off property and assembled on-site.
- Cold Grace - Pathways is taking the lead on this. There will be no Cold Grace on site at the church due to Covid restrictions. Families will be put up in motels on the cold evenings this winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted,
Karen Morris, Clerk