

**Grace Church in the Mountains
Vestry Meeting via Zoom
September 8, 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

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

Communication guidelines were reviewed.

Pat led the devotional.

Pastoral updates were given and Joslyn led us in prayer.

Audit Review

Marlene Hyatt provided an overview of the audit. The full report will be completed by October 20th. No major problems were found. Marlene was thankful for the help of the committee.

Consent Agenda

The August 18 Meeting Minutes were amended based on email review comments and approved as amended by unanimous vote.

August financials will be presented at the next meeting on August 15th.

Leadership Development

Discussion was held to discuss Delegates for the Diocesan Convention November 13 and 14 via Zoom. The incoming Jr. Warden will be one of the attendees and then other potential attendees were discussed.

Ministry Planning for 2021 - Continued

Standing Committee Structure: Joslyn shared her thoughts for structure and provided a copy for the Vestry to review. This would simplify the number of standing committees to 3 as follows:

- 1) Parish Programs (inreach) which would combine Education and Parish Life - Formation to include Sunday Forum, Bible Study, Special Programs, Children/Youth/Family programs
- 2) Outreach - Grace Giving Garden, Pantry, Grace House, etc.
- 3) Administration - Building and Grounds and Finance

Worship and Congregational Care remains under Joslyn - no change

Annual Campaign/Ministry Planning timeline

A proposed timeline was presented. There was discussion about simplifying the time and talent survey.

Committee Reports (in addition to minutes)

Building and Grounds -

- Crystal updated the rain garden concept. Grants are being pursued. The earliest anything would be done would be in the spring.
- Playground has been ordered. No delivery date yet.
- FM Transmitter purchased. Goal is to have it working by Sunday.
- Some bushes will be trimmed outside the choir room
- It was decided that there would be no window tinting done in the narthex at this time as the building is not really being used due to Covid restrictions.

Education -

- Children's Calendar is being firmed up through the end of the year.
- Adult Formation Calendar is in the initial stages of filling out through end of year and will include a variety of options/topics.

Parish Life -

- September 20th picnic and Baptisms at Lake Logan
- October 4 Blessing of the Animals

Outreach -

- It was moved and unanimously approved to construct the 24 hour pantry on the Miller Street side of the building.
- On 9/16 volunteers will be needed at the Pigeon Center to sort and load food boxes. We are hoping to be able to include masks in the food boxes.
- Free Covid testing will be available 9/15, 16 and 22nd.
- The Christmas Card Project for Veterans was approved unanimously. A different approach will be used this year to writing the cards based on social distancing.

Next scheduled meeting is 9/15 for a stewardship workshop via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted,
Karen Morris
Clerk