

**St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Eddie Bennett, Stacie Court, Gail Eilers, Blaine Everson, Anna Hiers, Jane Hudson, LeeAnne Krause, Nikki Mathis, Lane Norton, Mark Richardson, Caley Ross, Les House, Chrissy Moffett  
**Absent:** John Bray, Maggie Reinberger

**Devotional:** Nikki Mathis

Nikki read from This Here Flesh by Cole Arthur Riley and discussion followed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nikki Mathis

Mother Nikki called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May meeting were sent to vestry members in advance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Les House

The May financial report was distributed in advance of the meeting. An addendum to the May report was provided to reflect a stop payment on a check that was deposited in April due to a mistake made by a parishioner's broker. Les reviewed the addendum. Per the addendum, revenues for May were \$35,188 and expenses were \$35,099 resulting in a monthly net total of \$89. Year to date, revenues were \$227,721 and expenses were \$157,013 for a net total of \$70,708.

**Proposed Amendment to the Financial Policies:** Les House

A revised version of the Financial Policy for the Rector's Discretionary Fund was shared in advance of the meeting.

It proposes that the existing section below

*The amount taken from the Operating Budget shall be the greater of the annual budgeted amount or 1/12th of the total annual amount in the Plate Offering. The "1/12 of the Plate Offering" is in lieu of transferring the Plate Offering from one Sunday per month to the Rector's Discretionary Fund as stated in the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs.*

Be replaced as follows:

**Replacement**

*The amount taken from the Operating Budget shall be the greater of the annual budgeted amount or 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the total annual amount in the Plate Offering. The "1/4<sup>th</sup> of the Plate Offering" is in lieu of transferring the Plate Offering from one Sunday per month to the Rector's Discretionary Fund as stated in the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs.*

The Finance Committee would like to retroactively make the Rector's Discretionary fund whole using the new policy. This would be an addition of \$1,142.22.

Les asked the vestry for the following resolutions.

Resolution 1

That the verbiage for the Rector's Discretionary Fund be amended as provided in the revision (shown above).

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2

That the methodology in the revision be implemented retroactively to make up for the underfunding of the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2019 and authorization be provided for a corresponding over budget item in 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Reminders:** Jane Hudson

Jane provided the following reminders:

- 1) Operational and Strategic Plan budget requests for 2023 are due by July 1, 2022.
- 2) Special monetary requests by committees and programs for a project or need are due by August 1, 2022.
- 3) There is no vestry meeting in July.
- 4) Volunteers are needed for Compassion Camp July 18-21 as well as ushers and acolytes.

**Rector's Report:** Nikki Mathis

Nikki provided her report and noted that Christina is on a trip to Thailand. Discussion followed.

The report from Caley on the signage for limited mobility parking and parking lot repairs and a proposed St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church land acknowledgement statement were tabled until August.

**Options for a Permanent Labyrinth at St. Gregory the Great:** Lane Norton

Lane discussed the handouts. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of two potential sites for the labyrinth: the outdoor chapel on the front lawn or in the woods. Lane provided examples of the different styles of labyrinths and kits available. Discussion followed. Nikki favors the use of pavers for the labyrinth construction and a reconciliation design.

Discussion was held on the process to move forward. The Labyrinth Committee was asked to put together a proposal for the vestry. This will be followed by a survey of the congregation. The vestry will review the proposal and survey responses to make a decision.

**What the Pastoral Care Committee Can Do for Parishioners:** Stacie Court

Stacie provided a report and discussed the need for parameters for transportation requests noting that they should be limited to church, church related events, and medical appointments. Discussion followed. Nikki thanked Stacie for the great work being done by the Pastoral Care Committee.

Nikki closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Moffett.