

**St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2021**

**Present (via Zoom):** Eddie Bennett, Kelly Black, John Bray, Blaine Everson, Anna Hiers, Jane Hudson, LeeAnne Krause, Nikki Mathis, Caley Ross, Julie Worley, Lester House, Chrissy Moffett

**Devotion:** Blaine Everson

Blaine referenced Steve Daugherty's book *Experiments in Honesty* as well as Mark 12:30-31. Sharing and discussion followed on the Golden Rule and being a more open and loving kind of people.

**Julie Worley Introduction:** Nikki Mathis

Nikki called the meeting to order and introduced Julie Worley as the newest vestry member. Julie has agreed to fulfill the remainder of the one-year term that Julia was serving, which is until January. Julie introduced herself.

**Approval of March Minutes:** Nikki Mathis

The minutes of the March meeting were sent to Vestry members in advance of today's meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Les House

Les House reviewed the March financial report. He noted that pledge payments are caught up for the year. March revenues are \$8,452 over budget and expenses are \$765 over budget. The March net total is \$7,509 compared to a (\$325) budget. Year to date revenue is \$3,709 over budget and expenses are \$1,635 over budget, largely as the result of April utilities being paid in March. The year-to-date net total is \$948 compared to a (\$1,126) budget. Discussion followed.

Les asked the vestry to pass a resolution on four line items that are over budget: Worship, Altar Guild, Vestry Retreats, and Library. These expenditures were made prior to the budget reductions approved in March. Les indicated that there are two ways to handle this:

- 1) Amend these budgets now, however, they will need to be amended again in a few months.
- 2) Have the vestry approve the overages on these line items. In the future, either the vestry liaison for the committee or the Senior Warden will need to approve.

Jane asked that vestry liaisons let their chairs know that their budget has been amended.

A motion was made to approve the four (4) line items over budget with the understanding that signage of the green sheets for future expenditures will provide vestry approval for expense overages. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Les will provide additional detail on expenses over budget.

It was noted that the SunTrust/Truist bank branch closure has created difficulties for counters holding money overnight. Options for the counters were discussed. The deposit cannot be made via ATMs because the dollar amount is too large. Discussion followed. Since it is believed that the bank closure is temporary due to COVID, no changes in banking will be made.

**Strategic Plan Quarterly Reports:** Nikki Mathis

Due to a misunderstanding, many of the quarterly reports have not been received and therefore were not able to be reviewed at today's meeting. Nikki asked the vestry to contact their committees on the status of the reports. Reports should be submitted even if no progress was made, and that should be stated in the report. Since the Strategic Plan was made prior to COVID and the pandemic has impacted many areas, a post pandemic plan will be needed.

**Return to In-Person Services:** Nikki Mathis

Nikki indicated that we will start to meet in person beginning April 25 but noted that the service will not be the same as pre-pandemic service. There is a regathering covenant that all are being asked to follow.

There is a 40 person per service limit which includes the altar party, readers, and communicants. There will be no music at these services. Attendees need to sign up for the services in advance since a record is needed should contact tracing be necessary. Sign-ups are limited to two Sundays a month to allow all who want to worship to have a chance to do so. Discussion followed.

**Pre-recording and Live Streaming Services:** Nikki Mathis

Services will still be pre-recorded, at least through the summer. Live streaming of services will not occur until we are closer to a normal service. Nikki does not want to live stream without music. Equipment for live streaming has been ordered.

**Memorial Garden Walkway Update:** Nikki Mathis

The work for the Memorial Garden walkway has been contracted. We are on the company's schedule and work will begin when they are able to get to us.

**Rector's Report:** Nikki Mathis

Nikki provided her report. She noted that \$1,400 had been spent from the Rector's Discretionary fund for outreach and in reach. Discussion was held on Safeguarding God's Children and Dismantling Racism classes.

Nikki closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Moffett.