

**St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2023**  
**In Person-Hosted by Lane & Jim Norton**

**Present:** Vestry Members Kate Avinger, John Barrett, John Bray, Stacie Court, Gail Eilers, Anna Hiers, LeeAnne Krause, Lane Norton, Mark Richardson, Shelby Welch; Treasurer Les House, Clerk Anna Thornton

**Absent:** Vestry Members Blaine Everson, Maggie Reinberger

**Devotional:** Stacie Court

LeeAnne opened with prayer; Stacie shared thoughts from readings.

**Approval of Minutes:** LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Minutes of the May meeting were sent to Vestry members via email prior. A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as written; motion was approved and carried.

**Financial Report:** Les House

Les distributed financial reports prior to meeting via email. Operating Account Checking balance reported at \$82,180 with Revenues reported at \$53,925 reflecting \$21,530 over budget. May expenses were \$37,911 versus a budget of \$39,588.

Les presented a report on *Analysis of Service Contracts Expense: Jan.-Apr. 2023 vs. Jan.-Apr 2022*. Increases in several of the service contracts were noted indicating that service contracts will be over budget for 2023 and will need to be increased in 2024. In addition, there are new line items in “Clergy” to track Priest and Associate Priest separately.

**Capital Improvements Campaign:** Stacie Court & Mark Richardson

It was cited that the intent of the Capital Improvements Campaign is to raise funds but also to bring the parish together. There was discussion on whether to include replacement of the organ as part of the initial campaign, or to make procurement of the organ a separate campaign in itself. The committee continues to seek clear priorities and clear purpose in discerning the amount to raise and for what specific purposes.

**Security Plan Committee:** John Barrett

There has been a mandate for a security plan committee but there is no committee as such yet. Research is still being done on what sort of equipment might be needed as well as guidelines and structure.

**Building & Grounds Report:** Gail Eilers

A report on the parking lot repair was distributed and summary was presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept recommended bid from Payne Construction in the amount of \$13,771. A separate motion was made and seconded to allow an over expenditure of no more than \$5,000 for the purpose of

repairing the parking lot, with the understanding that the actual amount of the over expenditure will ultimately be paid out of gifted funds. As well, a report on the nursery fence replacement was distributed and summary presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept recommended bid from Quinton Evans to replace nursery fence. A separate motion was made and seconded to accept an overage of up to \$500 to make possible the nursery fence replacement.

**Christian Education Playground Report:** LeeAnne Krause & Kate Avinger

LeeAnne summarized needs of repairing the Christian Education playground, citing concerns around safety and budgetary restraints. Kate distributed a report with options illustrated, and led discussion on the safety and stability of the existing structures and what improvements might be possible. A motion was made and seconded to strengthen/repair the existing tower.

**Senior Warden Report:** LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne reported that Joy Village would be using the Christian Education facilities the weeks of June 12-23. Vestry members were reminded to submit biographies for the weekly newsletter, and to let LeeAnne know of any concerns in Mother Nikki's absence. Various notes were shared:

- Delegates are needed for the Diocese' Annual Council November 10-11, 2023
- The Little Red Wagon has been reinstated as part of the service and Vestry of the Day are reminded to share needs with congregation
- Parish Life Committee will organize a festive coffee hour July 2 to honor Father Doug Adkins on his ordination
- VBS will be held July 17-20
- There will be no formal Vestry meeting in July unless called for

The meeting closed with a benediction and was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Thornton