

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Hybrid: In Person and Socially Distant and via Zoom

Present: John Bray, Stacie Court, Gail Eilers, Blaine Everson (Zoom), Lane Norton
Jane Hudson, LeeAnne Krause, Nikki Mathis, Lane Norton, Maggie Reinberger, Mark Richardson,
Caley Ross (Zoom), Les House, Chrissy Moffett

Absent: Eddie Bennett, Anna Hiers

Devotional: LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne read the Book of Jonah and discussion followed. Groups met in triads.

Approval of Minutes: Nikki Mathis

Mother Nikki called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February 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 February financial report was distributed in advance of the meeting. Les reviewed the report. He indicated that the high cash balance is due to prepaid pledges and one-time gifts. Les noted that most line items were under budget since budgets were not finalized until the second week of February. Revenues for February were \$59,954 and expenses were \$32,335 resulting in a net total of \$27,619.

Les informed the vestry that the Finance Committee is working on revising two financial policies: emergency expenditures (e.g., septic tank, furnace repair) and credit card approval. A draft of the revisions should be available in April.

Rector's Report: Nikki Mathis

Nikki distributed her report. She indicated that in person attendance has been steadily climbing while online attendance is trending downward. The previous Sunday had 28 in person attendees at the 8 a.m. service and 102 at the 10:30 service. Nikki provided \$348.47 in utility and rent assistance from the Discretionary Fund and gave a \$300 farewell gift to Allena Armour in February.

Parking and Handicap Parking: Caley Ross

The need for additional parking for less mobile church attendees has been identified. Caley shared three ideas to address this.

- Increase the number of handicap spots and repaint the parking spaces to decrease the amount of parking error.
- Create signage designating spots for people with less mobility.
- Look into purchasing a load of gravel to create a better parking alternative (i.e.- avoiding mud in parking area closest to the Montessori school).

Discussion followed. A kindly suggestion will be shared in the Friday newsletter and placed in the bulletin asking those who are able to park further away and allow the less mobile attendees to use the closer parking spots. Caley will gather information and pricing on impaired mobility parking signage.

Church Reorganization Vis-à-vis Our Strategic Plan: Nikki Mathis

Nikki informed the vestry that we are having to start from scratch for some of the church committees. Discussion followed on the Parish Life Committee. A suggestion was made to ask for two volunteers (one for each service) to organize coffee hours.

Nikki suggested prioritizing the top five committees/ministries for the next year to get them in order and solicit involvement in them. Discussion followed.

Nikki closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8.35.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Moffett.