

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Vestry Present:** Lyn Ballard, John Dotson, Kelly Eschenroeder, Mike Heyer, Mike Johnson, Chris Ludbrook

**Vestry Absent:** Rebecca Harrison, Pat O'Brien, Tom Voller

**Clergy Present:** The Rev. Todd McDowell

**Guests:** Shari Bonham, Director of Development and Ministries Coordinator; Tim Engelbrecht, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

The opening prayer was given by Mike Heyer. The opening prayer at the May Vestry meeting will be given by Mike Johnson.

The evening's agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes from the March 13, 2018 Vestry meeting were accepted as written by acclamation.

**Five Marks of Mission:**

Ministries of Governance, Administration, Stewardship and Facility:

*Financial Report:* Assistant Treasurer Mike Heyer presented the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2018.

Pledge Income for the month of March was \$32,180, which was \$1,180 above budget. YTD Pledge Income was \$127,768 versus the budgeted amount of \$125,500. Total Revenues for the month were \$58,111, which was \$2,022 above budget. YTD Total Revenues were \$198,590, which was \$2,294 above budget. Total Expenses for March were \$62,855 which was \$7,232 below budget. YTD Expenses were \$167,490, which was \$1,224 below budget. Net Revenue for March was (\$4,744) which was \$5,210 below the budgeted amount of \$466. YTD Net Revenue was \$31,100, or \$3,518 above the budgeted amount of \$27,582. Our current cash reserves would cover an estimated 3.0 months of the budgeted 2018 expenses. It was noted that the \$19,160.00 pledged by the diocese for the grant to help fund the labyrinth has been received.

John Dotson moved, and Lyn Ballard seconded, that the Vestry receive the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2018. Motion passed.

*Diocesan Grant Application:* Tim will submit a grant application to the Diocese for the Church Assistance Endowment Grant as soon as bids are received and the 2017 financial review is completed. If grant money is awarded, it will be used to convert the men's bathroom near the narthex into a family bathroom.

Teach, Baptize & Nurture New Believers: Invite, Welcome, Connect- Shari Bonham reported that she, Ryan Missel, Kelly Eschenroeder and Mary Merriweather will attend the Invite, Welcome, Connect 2018 Summit at the University of the South in Sewanee TN June 12,13 and 14. Shari is assembling more people join the Invite, Welcome, Connect team after the summit. Shari challenged the Vestry to take a look around at coffee hour and decide if Grace is a congregation of friends or a friendly congregation. She encouraged Vestry members to talk to a stranger at coffee hour.

At the March Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved hosting an Invite, Welcome, Connect event at Grace if the diocese agreed to lend support to the event. The diocese declined Grace's request for support. The idea will be revisited at the August Vestry meeting.

Lyn Ballard attended Messy Church in April and enjoyed the relaxed, fun atmosphere. There will be focus groups after the program year ends in May to review how people feel about Messy Church.

**Junior Warden Report:** Rebecca Harrison was absent, but provided a written report to the Vestry. A master plan for lighting in the nave is being developed by Randy Burkett Lighting Design Inc. The new sound system installation in Albright Hall is nearing completion.

**Senior Warden Report:** The Vestry took a time-out to enjoy some birthday cake in celebration of Father Todd's birthday.

Lyn Ballard reported that the labyrinth committee bonded during the Thursday evening labyrinth events held during lent. There is a possibility of applying for another New Ventures in Ministries grant to help fund the building of an outdoor labyrinth. No action is being taken at this time.

Lyn reminded Vestry members to keep recruiting possible new members for the Vestry.

Former parishioner Michael Kurth has been ordained into the diaconate and will be ordained as a priest in September. Lyn Ballard moved, and Mike Johnson seconded, that Lyn write a letter on behalf of the Vestry congratulating Michael Kurth on his ordination to the diaconate. Motion passed.

**Report of the Rector:** Father Todd reported that the bill for repairing a frozen kitchen drain pipe has been received. Junior Warden Rebecca Harrison is investigating options for winterizing the pipe. Father Todd is investigating possibilities for a consultant to help with a capital campaign. The companies that sound most promising are The Rome Group and Horizons.

The meeting concluded with a reading of Compline.

Mike Heyer moved, and Mike Johnson seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nixon  
Secretary of the Vestry

### **Motions from the April 10, 2018 Vestry meeting**

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