

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VESTRY MINUTES

January 8, 2025

Vestry members in attendance on zoom: Fr. Jonathan Galles, Sr. Warden Bill Carle, Treasurer Jim Gilligan, Gabe Conn, Jr. Warden Rich Conn, Mary Liddle, Jan Pahlas, Lane Vermillion

Absent: Tim Culver, David Henson

Guest: Jason Tarasovic

After an opening prayer by Fr. Jonathan, the meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm.

After a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by the Vestry:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Vestry meeting on December 11, 2024, be approved. (SEE ATTACHED)

Fr. Jonathan announced the sister of Judy Rameriz notified him Judy's son, Damian, had passed away. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Bill Carle reminded the Vestry that Committee Reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are due.

Bill Carle stated he will send the required annual letter this week to the U.S. Navy confirming our continued commitments for the loan of the bell displayed at the entrance to the church.

BUDGET REPORT:

Jim Gilligan stated Ron Weil, who did the last audit for the church, recommended the Vestry authorize the Treasurer annually by resolution to pay utility billings using direct debit to the parish bank account.

By motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by the Vestry:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay 2025 utility bills for the parish using direct debits to the church bank account initiated by the billers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jim Gilligan reported the Stewardship Campaign went very well. Total pledges were One Hundred Seventy-six Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$176,846.00) from forty-four (44) pledging units, averaging over Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). Almost sixty percent (60%) of pledgers increased their pledge compared to 2024. Thirty-three percent (33%) of pledgers kept their pledge at the same level with two (2) new pledges.

The budget for 2024 projected income of approximately One Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$169,000.00). Actual receipts in 2024 were One Hundred Ninety Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$190,593.00), which was Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) more than budget. Total

2024 expenses were Two Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (209,414.00), Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) more than budget, primarily due to increased paid choir expense.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following was approved:

RESOLVED, that the 2025 budget as presented is hereby approved for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Jim reported the average attendance per Sunday in 2024 was sixty (60), which includes both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. The choir and those serving at the altar are counted in the attendance numbers.

Jim Gilligan further reported the parish continues to earn money from parking cars in the lot of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral downtown, during events at the adjacent convention center.

Bill Carle suggested moving fifty percent (50%) of the funds raised from parking cars to the Building Fund; twenty-five percent (25%) into the Endowment Fund with the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) retained in the parking lot fund. Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion was approved:

RESOLVED, that for the year 2024 and for all years going forward, fifty percent (50%) of the funds raised from parking cars at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral shall be allocated to the following funds: Building Fund – fifty percent (50%), Endowment Fund - twenty-five percent (25%) and Parking Fund - twenty-five percent (25%).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (SEE ATTACHED) Previously submitted reports were presented for approval by consent.

Jr. Warden: Rich Conn reported he spoke to Steve Kratz about snow removal. In the future Kratz will not do any plowing or salting at the church until he is notified.

There have been no problems with the pipes in the church. Preventative measures have been taken to prevent any problems in the future.

The outside drainage system is half complete.

Stairway hand handrails can now be installed.

Concrete work is on the ramp can't be finished until it is warmer.

The light in the workshop has been fixed.

The platform elevator lift still needs the final inspection.

The ductwork needs to be cleaned: Northland Duct presented a bid of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Mike Wade has been contracted to start soon.

Trim work needs to be done.

Sr. Warden Report:

Bill Carle stated that we have historically canceled the Vestry meeting in February; however, the Vestry needs to meet to approve the Parochial Report. After a motion duly made and seconded the following was approved:

RESOLVED, the Vestry will meet only via Zoom on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, for the primary purpose to approve the Parochial Report.

Bill Carle announced we will be doing our "First Sunday" breakfast next Sunday since the church was closed on the first Sunday of January due to inclement weather.

Rector's Report:

Fr. Jonathan asked if all Vestry candidates had been contacted to confirm their interest.

He said he's thinking about an evangelism theme for sermons over the next few months.

Fr. Jonathan said he will be meeting with the Columbarium Board regarding a request from Damian Rameriz's family.

There being no further business, Fr. Jonathan led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Elaine S. Marshall, Clerk