

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VESTRY MINUTES

June 11, 2025

Present: Fr. Jonathan Galles (Rector), Bill Carle (Sr. Warden), Rich Conn (Jr. Warden), Diane Gerlach, Tom Hinsdale, Mary Liddle, Jan Pahlas, Jason Tarasovic, and Lane Vermillion

Zoom: Jim Gilligan (Treasurer)

Guest: The Rev. Canon Charles “Chas” Marks

After an opening prayer by Fr. Jonathan, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Jonathan introduced Fr. Chas Marks, *Missioner for Transitions* for the Diocese of West Missouri. Fr. Chas reported on the results for the Church of the Resurrection from the Congregation Vitality Assessment survey, taken earlier this year. Fr. Marks observed the parish should celebrate how it rated in various ministries. The highest rating was “worship”, and the lowest rating was “age of the congregation”. All congregations are trying to grow. Discussion followed about options available for growth.

Fr. Chas then left the meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Vestry meeting held on May 14, 2025, be approved.

ANNUAL VESTRY DUTIES: Bill Carle reported it was time to review the assets of the church. He will update the asset listing to include the new wheelchair lift.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim Gilligan reported May receipts were very strong. Year-to-date receipts were twenty-three percent (23%) more than budget, while expenses during the same period were slightly lower than budget.

We sold the playground equipment for One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00). The money was deposited into the Memorials and Gifts Fund, which was the fund that was used for the original purchase from St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in downtown Kansas City.

The parish also sold the old lift stored on the Bigg’s property for Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). The money was deposited into the building fund account.

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

RESOLVED, that the May 2025 Treasurer's Report be approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) additional cost for the stipend due the organist for the Carolyn Laster funeral be paid with funds from donations to the Memorials and Gifts Fund made in

memory of Carolyn Laster. (Note: The Laster family paid Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) of the Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) expense of an organist and two vocalists.); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of a replacement urn for the inurnment of Carolyn Laster be paid from donations to the Memorials and Gifts Fund made in memory of Carolyn Laster (Note: the Laster family has possession of the original urn but could not find it.)

The Treasurer reported the parish's cleaning service notified him the bi-weekly cleaning rate would be increasing by Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00). Upon motion duly made the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that Sandra's Cleaning Services be paid One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each cleaning of the church building effective immediately.

Bill Carle announced the Finance Committee needs to meet. We also need to contact Ron Weil, Finance Administrator for the Diocese, to schedule the 2024 financial audit of the parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Previously submitted reports were presented for approval by consent.

Bill Carle reported two credenzas for the Narthex have been ordered from Crowley Furniture and will be delivered no later than early August.

Fr. Jonathan stated the equipment for the children's area in the hallway has been ordered. He also announced that he asked Lane Vermillion to be the Vestry contact for the Children's Ministry, in addition to his duties as liaison for the Worship Committee.

Rich Conn reported work continues refinishing the wood in the Undercroft.

Fr. Jonathan reported there are many pastoral needs currently in the parish.

Fr. Jonathan plans to take vacation time in July and August. He has arranged for Fr. Doug Johnson to supply on July 6, July 13, August 17, and August 31.

Bill Carle commented the memorial service for Carolyn Laster went very well and the family was very touched.

After discussion, the Vestry voted not to meet in July and moved the August meeting to August 6 because Fr. Jonathan will be on vacation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Gilligan's will host a newcomer gathering at their house on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 2:00 pm. All Vestry members are invited to attend.

Bishop Amy Dafler Meaux will visit the parish on Sunday, June 29. There will be only one service at 9:30 am, followed by a luncheon in the Undercroft.

There will be a Planning Committee meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 9:00 am.

The Central Deanery picnic will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 11:00 am hosted by Resurrection.

Fr. Jonathan will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with a Blessing of the Animals service.

There being no other business, the meeting ended with a prayer by Fr. Jonathan. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine S. Marshall, Clerk