

May 16, 2016 Vestry Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Evening Devotions took place.

Beth Lee moved to approve the minutes of the April 2016 vestry meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Lee Tyner and the motion passed unanimously.

Peter Wallace led a discussion of the May financial report highlighting the following points:

- Grace is in pretty good shape
- With 33% of the year over, we are slightly under budget on Revenue, but over budget on Expenses. This is normal for this time of year.
- There was a discussion on how the Bach Festival would be paid for. The Scott Fund supports the Festival, with assistance as needed from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. After discussion David Bujard made a motion was made to allocate \$2,500 from Operating Funds to the Scott Fund, with any surplus to remain in the Scott Fund. Seconded by Sally Stanfield and passed unanimously.
- The Bank of Georgetown is being sold to United Bank; we do not expect this sale to have any impact on Grace Church or its finances.
- A gift was received from a Grace member for the Stephen Ministry. Following discussion, Peyton made a motion to increase the budget of the Stephen Ministry by \$654, the amount of the donation. Seconded by Beth Lee and passed unanimously.
- The telecom system update: ordering of phone units and scheduling of installation is underway.

The Rector reported the following:

- There have been seven parishioners interested in being trained as Stephen Ministers. This is beyond the expectations of the Rector and the others involved in the Ministry.
- The Coffee Hour sign-ups via VolunteerSpot will begin in mid-June, if the Vestry approves. Mary Ann moved to use Volunteer Spot for Coffee Hour signup. Seconded by Sally and passed unanimously.
- Mary Ann will set a firm deadline for newsletter publishing.

The Assistant Rector reported that the relationship between Grace and the Children's Ministry Coordinator, Jordan Jean, has ended. His student schedule doesn't really work with the needs of Grace. The decision to end the relationship was mutual. This means that we will again be recruiting for a replacement. One suggestion she has is to restructure the position as Lead Sunday School Teacher so that they only teach Sunday School and not do administrative tasks. We will also be establishing a "middle school" for 3-4-5 year old kids. Sarah is also working on summer coverage for Sunday School.

The Senior Warden provided an update on the stonework project, discussing the on-going issues of tooling for the radial pieces of stone which affect the schedule for delivery of the stone and commencement of the work. Lane Buritt and Chuck Spitznagel will be traveling to Vermont to meet with the stone supplier to try to get the project back on track. Beth moved to authorize the expenditure

of up to \$2,500 for Lane and Chuck to travel to Vermont to meet with Vermont Stone Arts to discuss the tooling and the schedule. The fee is to cover airfare and their time. Seconded by Peyton and passed unanimously.

Peyton reported that all Gala expenses were being wrapped up.

Lee Tyner reported that title search on the Grace property was being done and should be back by mid-June. She will report back to the Vestry on a formal alcohol policy at the June meeting.

There was a brief report on social media use by Grace.

John Boynton gave a brief report on Grace @ 150. David Bujard asked everyone to focus on "What is God calling Grace Church to do in our 150th year?" This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Following Close of Day Devotions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.