

Vestry Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 2021
Grace Church, Lexington
Hybrid Meeting/Parish Hall and Zoom
Saint Mark the Evangelist
Monday, April 26, 2021
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order 5:00 pm

Fr Tuck

In Attendance: Fr. Tuck Bowerfind, Punky Dod, Carole Elmore, Kathy Hill, Diana Kenney, William McCorkle, John Milford, Rob Minor, Liz Moss, Judy Schram, Cecile West-Settle.

Officers: Lisa McGuire, Clerk

Absent: David Connolly, Buster Lewis

Meditation

Elizabeth Grist

Elizabeth shared a meditation on being “present” from one of her favorite books: The Blue Book: A Devotional Guide for Every Season of Your Life by Jim Branch.

Information

- **Capital Campaign Update**

Rob Minor

As of April 26, 2021 the Chancel Capital Campaign pledges are \$661,780.29 from 77 families, with \$222,421.29 of donations in hand. We are \$91,000 over our stretch goal.

- Returning citizens update – exploring the possibility of extending some assistance to a young man in the community who is on probation.
- Appointment of Core Team for LGBT welcoming. The core team is Cecile West-Settle, Liz Moss, Lisa Tracy, Delea Bowerfind, Lisa McGuire and Sharon White. The Vestry will be invited to the 5th Welcoming Core Team Meeting. At the October Vestry Meeting there will be a vote on whether to move forward and bring the Welcoming Committee to the congregation. More information on the scope of meetings is in the Rector’s Report.
- Gilliam Fund Grant for Brooklyne Oliviera – Brooklyne has been accepted to Yale Divinity School and will be studying ethics (liturgical), which satisfies the qualifications for the Gilliam Fund. There is not a committee assigned to make this decision, if a Vestry member is interested in deciding amount of the grant, please contact Tuck, Liz, or John as soon as possible and a meeting will be set up to discuss.

Discussion

Consent Agenda

Wardens’ Reports

Liz

- There will be a Technology Meeting on Wednesday, April 28 at 5pm with Sharon to form an A/V Team for Grace Church.
- The Administration & Personnel Committee is working on the church by-laws and assessing whether our church needs them in addition to the Canons (our by-laws are out of date because they were never updated when the Canons changed). The Administration & Finance Committee may recommend the elimination of the Grace Church by-laws.

Draft Minutes 4/28/21

Vestry Minutes for March 22, 2021

Vestry Minutes for April 8, 2021

Rector's Report 04262021

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- Administration and Personnel
- Christian Education Committee
- Christian Outreach Committee
- Finance Committee
- Gadsden
- Property Committee – Kathy requested that the Vestry notice the new plantings that have been added around the property. The Property Committee, with Elizabeth Boetsch in the lead, has been hard at work planning the updating and layout of the plantings.
Tuck also mentioned that we have a new leak in the Church building roof. Don Largent Roofing was assessing the roof today and also doing work to patch a leak on the Parish House flat roof. The Church roof on the west-side of the building is hard to get to because the equipment needed is so large that it would overhang the sidewalk on W&L campus and tear up the grass. Don Ellis is working with W&L on permissions.
- Stewardship Committee
- Worship Committee

Old Business

New Business

- **AV Live Streaming system approval**

Tuck led the Vestry through two proposals, the first from Stage Sound for equipment and placement of equipment in the Nave and Chancel, and wiring in the Undercroft ceiling. The second proposal is from K&L Construction for installing the cable, power, and the positioning of all the cables. Also included in the proposal is a high reach access (lift) and patching and cleaning of the areas where the cables are placed. Combined total of Stage Sound & K&L Construction proposals: \$54,032.24.

The Vestry felt that this is a necessary addition to the Chancel Project. It is the future and an important part of our ministry. The Vestry suggested that funding could come from a taking low interest loan against our investment funds at Edward Jones, but would like guidance from the Strategic Finance Committee. **Approved**

- **CEEP**

Liz Moss

Resolved, that the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church, Lexington, Virginia approves membership in the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes for the year 2021. Dues will be paid from Vestry Designated Capital Fund. **Approved**

- Marriage policy

Judy Schram/Punky Dod

Updated policy is adopted and approved.

Adjournment

Closing Prayer