

## THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS VESTRY MINUTES JULY 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens at 4PM in The Chapel Conference Room. **PRESENT:** Fr. Owens, Millard Simmons, Rod Musselman, Michael Simon, Sallie Brach, Doug Barone, Stew Brown, Joanne Byrd **ABSENT:** Tom Durston (excused)

### I PRAYER AND DEVOTION (Millard):

Millard opened our meeting with prayer. The devotion took us back to childhood as Mill reminisced about his fifth-grade poetry class and his love of poetry with reading *The Village Blacksmith* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He explored the deeper meanings of life exemplified in a simple life. Mill also shared *A Life Well Lived*, a devotion by Max Lucado where life's aging process is seen through eyes of wisdom and integrity and hopefully ending in a Life Well Lived. (handout)

### II MINUTES (Millard):

The Vestry Minutes of June 28, 2022, were distributed electronically and were approved as written.

### III FINANCIALS (Michael):

#### Financial Minutes Vestry Meeting July 2022

#### Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We continue to be amazed with the generosity and blessings we continue to receive. Our income for June was \$205,255 (vs. a budget of \$157,298).

Our expenses in June were \$195,151 vs a budget of \$200,450. Restricted accounts remain in healthy standing.

July Income MTD is \$163,856 against our budget of \$182,298

As you may or may not know, The Historic Campus was hit with lightning July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mainly, the Tech equipment was hit in both the Church and Parish Hall. We are waiting for Insurance adjusters to get back to us. The updates on the Parish Hall are also running more expensive than thought, but these are long needed repairs and renovations.

We expect the property of Seven Oaks and 94 Calhoun to close by the end of September. We are waiting for the lien placed by TEC to be released.

The funds from Cross Church, Inc. are being transferred to TCOTC and gradually being reflected on the balance sheet. Remaining bank accounts will reflect on the TOTC balance sheet in the fall.

## **Streaming**

Every day, we have an average of 200 people visiting our websites of which half are first time viewers. Streaming is extremely important to most important avenue for us to reach our faithful. Just to show you the impact, just this past week, our website and streaming reached **15 different countries, 8 different states.**

Our blessings do continue to flow for which we say Thanks be to God.

Submitted Respectively,  
J. Michael Simon, Treasurer

## IV OTHER

### A. Status of Parish Hall Repairs/Remodeling (Rod)

Flooring is complete as are the restrooms. Kitchen countertops exceeding budget.

### B. AV upgrades are underway/donation received.

### C. Another priest will be considered in the future to fill gap left by Josh Lake's departure.

### D. Cross Counseling startup has been delayed until January 2023.

### F. November Irish clergy visit likely to be rescheduled into 2023 as a result of COVID reoccurrence

### G. The Men's Ministry will host a Low Country Shrimp Boil on August 26, 2022. (Rod)

## **CONCLUSION:(MILLARD):**

Our meeting was closed with prayer. The next meeting is August 18th at 4PM in The Chapel Conference Room. Rod has prayers and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd

