

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS VESTRY MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens at 2:30pm in the Library/Parish Hall at the Historic Campus.

PRESENT: Fr. Owens, Millard Simmons, Rod Musselman, Michael Simon, Sallie Brach, Doug Barone, Stew Brown, Joanne Byrd **ABSENT:** Tom Durston

I PRAYER AND DEVOTION (Stew Brown):

Psalm 37:5, The Ten Commandments and The Sermon On The Mount were the scriptures and teachings used in Stew's devotion. He shared his recent meeting with friends where everyone had great concern about the future of our society. "Things were not like they used to be." Many people are concerned about their 'personal identity, having special privileges, power hungry. There was much 'handwringing about what to do. Stew then shared God's plan for us which is found in the Old Testament in book of Exodus—*Ten Commandments and The Sermon on the Mount* which is the New Testament in Matthew. God reassures us through Moses and Hosea that people have always been grumbling and fighting. Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in his wisdom.

MINUTES (J. Byrd):

Vestry Minutes were approved as written and electronically distributed.

FINANCIALS (M. Simon):

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We continue to be amazed with the generosity and blessings we continue to receive. Our plate income for October was \$210,815.09 (vs. a budget of \$220,000). Our total Revenue income for October was \$354,421.69.

Our total expenses in October were \$359,121.16 vs a budget of \$223,925.31. (Mission Outreach is not in the budget numbers).

These expenses include the Mission Outreach Donations, Cross School Scholarships, Diocesan Pledge and Diocesan Blessings.

The transfer of the Titles for the Chapel and Argent Properties from COM to TCOTC is being handled Legally and should reflect on the balance sheet before end of the year which will significantly increase the Total Assets number.

Below is the request to approve the funds that the Mission Board recommends for disbursement.

The Mission Board has on hand at the end of October \$213,753.60.

They have already commitments for November (funds which they allocate monthly) \$15,098. The Mission Board has done their diligence and research through applications, and is requesting \$77,940 for a total number of \$93,038.

Keep in mind, any request from any Mission, needs to first have an application filed, then reviewed by the Mission Board, who discuss, pray and vote for a decision.

The financial Board reviewed the request, and filed and approved a motion to recommend to the Vestry to APPROVE the request for funding.

Barbara Scott presented and reviewed the request for funds to the Vestry. There was a motion to approve the funds disbursement, it was seconded and approved unanimously by the Vestry.

Restricted accounts remain in healthy standing and our cash position remains very strong November PLATE Income MTD is \$107,282.56 against our PLATE budget of \$217,298.

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 in-person attendance continues to grow this year vs last year is up 62%, we are very blessed to see so many coming back to worship and fellowship.

IV OTHER

A. RESOLUTION OF FEDERAL CASE WITH TEC (Fr. Owens):

Suit is completed at the Parish level. Still is discussion over emblems and trademarks. 3 Parishes are still tied up.

B. REVIEW OF IRISH VISIT (October 31-November 7)

Wonderful experience! Pastor Karen Salmon will be working with Fr. Owens on the cost of 'pointing the stone and brick work' on her church. Fr. Owens is offering to help with financial assistance of \$15,000-\$25,000. S. Brown suggested we do a matching funds.

C. ARGENT EAST PROPERTY (Fr. Owens):

There has been an offer on this property. The offer has been declined.

D. CHAPEL COLUMBARIUM

The Chapel Columbarium is in the design stage. Funds have been set aside for this project.

CONCLUSION (Stew Brown)

Our meeting was closed in prayer. The next Vestry Meeting will be Friday, December 16, 2022, at 12:30pm in The Chapel Conference Room. Tom Durston will have devotion and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Byrd