

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS VESTRY MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens at 12:30pm in The Conference Room of The Chapel.

PRESENT: Fr. Owens, Pastor Riddle, Millard Simmons, Rod Musselman, Michael Simon, Sallie Brach, Stew Brown, Tom Durston, Joanne Byrd

ABSENT: Doug Barone **GUEST:** Barbara Scott

I PRAYER AND DEVOTION: (Tom Durston)

Our meeting was opened with a prayer of gratitude, appreciation and thanksgiving. It was followed by three devotional readings from Max Lucado's *GRACE FOR THE MOMENT*; which emphasized God's love for us. 1. 1 John...Love is all we find. 2. God is not hard to find as His presence is always with us... Ps 23 and Gen. 3:9. 3. The cure for disappointment is God....seek him as He is there always. Tom then read *The Pain of Saying Goodbye*.

II MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT: (Barbara Scott)

Barbara Scott presented and reviewed the request for funds to the Vestry.

III MINUTES: (J. Byrd)

The Vestry Minutes for November 18, 2022, were approved as written and electronically distributed.

IV FINANCIALS: (Michael Simon)

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 November was \$267,139 (vs. a budget of \$217,298). Our total Revenue income for November was \$375,769.96

Our total expenses in November were \$346,725.84 vs a budget of \$267,655.52. (Mission Outreach is not in the budget numbers).

These November expenses includes 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 still in process

legally and hopefully will be reflected 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 November \$200,902.26.

They have already commitments for December (funds which they allocate monthly) \$27,099.

The Mission Board has done their diligence and research through applications, and is requesting \$35,500 for a total number of \$62,599.

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, filed and approved a motion to recommend to the Vestry to APPROVE the request for funding. 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.

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.

Our in pew 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.

Submitted Respectively,
J. Michael Simon, Treasurer

V OTHER:

A. ANNUAL GATHERING and DINNER (Rod)

Event will be held on February 21, 2023, Shrove Tuesday. A Pancake Dinner at Cross Schools will be provided by the Men's Ministry. Estimating 600 in attendance.

B. VESTRY ELECTION (Fr. Owens)

An announcement was posted in Crosscurrent E News this Thursday and will continue for a month for those interested. Vestry discussed various term limits.

C. PROPOSED COLUMBARIUM FOR THE CHAPEL (Fr. Owens) The Vestry went outside to view the area being considered for a columbarium and to see an initial rendering of the architect's ideas. This project will be funded by Cross Outreach Ministries.

D. SCHEDULING FIRST QUARTER 2023 (Fr. Owens) An overview of the schedule for the first quarter of 2023 was given, noting the teachings being offered, conferences being hosted, and sermons being presented (particular note was given to offsetting Pastor Nathan's absence).

E. HEAD OF CROSS SCHOOL (Mill)

Board is deciding between two candidates. Announcement should come in early January.

F. CROSS POINT 9 O'CLOCK SERVICE (Fr. Owens)

Not ready for this commitment yet. TCOTC will need a fourth priest and more volunteers for a 9AM service.

G. MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY APPLICATION

Motion brought forth to vote acceptance of Linda Laird to the Mission Outreach Board by Rod Musselman. Vestry unanimously voted Linda to the MOB. She will take Sonja Wessler's place on Board.

CONCLUSION (Tom Durston)

Our meeting was closed in prayer. The next Vestry Meeting will be at 12:30pm, January 20, 2023 in The Chapel Conference Room. Doug will provide devotion and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd

