

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

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

PRESENT: Fr. Owens, Millard Simmons, Michael Simon, Sallie Brach, Linda Laird, Craig Pelley, Stew Brown, Tom Durston and Joanne Byrd

I PRAYER AND DEVOTION: (Tom Durston)

Grace For The Moment by Max Lucado is Tom's daily devotional which speaks to his heart each day. Tom chose seven of his favorite devotions from thru out the year to share with Vestry. Each devotional scripture spoke of God's love for us through His son Jesus Christ. He began with: Hebrews 7...Jesus protects us, Hebrews 13:5...Jesus is always speaking to us as he taps on our hearts to listen; Matthew. 28:20...He is with us until the end of the age, Matthew. 9:12...He called us and adopted us; Romans. 5:8...We are heirs to God through Christ; 1 Corinthians... Christ is wisdom and power; Hebrews 11:1...We can be sure of things we hope for; Psalm 51... Create in me a pure heart not for possessions but for righteousness. God makes us right again; Ecclesiastes 3...Who can fathom eternity..God flirts with us; 1 Corinthians 2:9...No one can fathom what He has prepared for us; 1 John 4...Trust His love—God is love—all you can find.. After the devotional Tom opened our meeting in prayer.

II. MINUTES: Joanne Byrd

The Vestry Minutes of August 25, 2023 were approved as written and were electronically distributed.

III FINANCIAL MINUTES: (Michael 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 August was \$275,558.10 (vs. a budget of \$181,902.99)
Our total Revenue income for August was \$348,293.14 vs a budget of \$230,402.99.

Our total expenses in August were \$290,364.90 vs a budget of \$260,434.46.

These total August income and expenses includes the Faith Formation income, Mission Outreach Income and Donations, Cross School Scholarships, Counseling Center, Diocesan Pledge and Diocesan Blessings.

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 August \$303,477.96.
They have already commitments for August (funds which they allocate monthly) \$18,349.00
The Mission Board has done their diligence and research through applications, and is requesting Grant Allocations for August for \$63,451 for a total distribution of \$81,800.

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.

Linda Laird 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

September PLATE Income MTD (3 weeks) is \$139,661.10 against our PLATE budget of \$189,179.10 with one Sunday remaining.

Other Business

The Sweep accounts, under CSB Intrafi Accounts, are now in place and reflect on the Balance Sheets, as current assets, keeping our accounts protected under FDIC guidelines and earned interest in August of \$1,829.04

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 reaches an average of **15 different countries, 8 different states every month.**

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

Attendance Below:

In-person attendance numbers:

					CROSSP 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS	CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022
JULY	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM			5000	41,020	3107	19,381
2nd	103	65	226	142	468					
9th	141	85	237	122	432					
16th	130	66	234	122	430					
23rd	127	77	204	150	471					
30th	141	74	186	112	455					
	642	367	1087	648	2256	0				
							CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022
AUGUST	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM	CROSSP 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS	4901	45,921	1461	20,842
6th	146	65	189	125	492					
13th	133	71	226	147	502					
20th	171	74	203	138	480					
27th	138	74	206	104	467					
	588	284	824	514	1941	750				
							CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022
SEPTEMBER	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM	CROSSP 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS	4120	50,041	2892	23,734
3rd	131	89	222	118	462					
10th	125	70	197	128	428					
17th	103	72	200	132	493					
25th										
	359	231	619	378	1383	1150				
							CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022
OCTOBER	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM	CROSSP 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS	0	50,041	3776	27,510
1st										
8th										
15th										
22nd										
29th										

**To date, our 2023 in PEW attendance was 50,041 vs. 27,510 in 2022.
Praise God.**

Submitted Respectively,

J. Michael Simon, Treasurer

IV. OTHER:

A. COLUMBARIUM FINAL DESIGN: (Fr. Owens)

Final blueprints for the columbarium adjacent to The Chapel were viewed by Vestry. Questions were answered and the date to begin has not been determined.

B. LOOKING AHEAD A FEW YEARS: (Fr. Owens)

The Argent Track Land has become more valuable to serve The Kingdom of God as population in that area soars with no alternative schools or preschools. Future plans will encompass a preschool, school built around a assisted living facility...special needs included.

Vestry viewed video on Autism by Emily Colton

C. CAMP JUBILEE

Property has been found on Lady's Island to replace Camp St. Christopher. It is an 80 site with an option to buy...needs to be cleared legally before purchase.

CONCLUSION

T. Durston closed our meeting in prayer. October 20, 2023 will be our next meeting in the Conference Room of The Chapel at 12:30. S. Brown will have devotional and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd