

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS
JUNE 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens in the Parish Hall Library, Historic Campus.

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

I PRAYER AND DEVOTION: Michael Simon

Prayer about ‘A God of Hope’ as found through the book of Romans opened our meeting. Michael’s devotion then followed on Love and Compassion with scriptures from Romans, Psalms, Matthew, Proverbs, Job, 1Kings, Leviticus and 1 Peter. Michael wove a beautiful picture of Love, beginning when we are young adults progressing through our final years. In his descriptions he details the wisdom found in Proverbs, hope found in Psalms, importance of relationships and friendships found in Job. Leviticus spoke of how Love turns to Compassion as we should care for people by serving their needs such as food bank, God’s Goods or supporting a family as one of their members recovers from a stroke. As Michael shared his faith filled life and his love of those who have gone before us at TCOTC he reminds us: Be Love, Be Compassionate and Count Your Blessings Every Day.

II MINUTES: Joanne Byrd

The Vestry Minutes of May 19, 2023 were approved as written and electronically distributed.

III MISSION OUTREACH BOARD: Linda Laird

Linda presented and reviewed the request for funds with Vestry. Motion made to approve the funds disbursement. It was seconded and approved by Vestry.
See Handout for Details

IV FINANCIAL MINUTES: Michael Simon

Financial Minutes Vestry Meeting June 2023

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 May was \$200,347.71 (vs. a budget of \$194,029.85)
Our total Revenue income for May was \$292,587.71 vs a budget of \$238,127.85.

Our total expenses in May were \$287,183.40 vs a budget of \$249,694.02.

These total May 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 May \$268,951.33.
They have already commitments for June (funds which they allocate monthly) \$16,847.
The Mission Board has done their diligence and research through applications, and is requesting \$43,700
for a total disbursement of \$60,547.

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

June PLATE Income MTD (3 weeks) is \$144,672 against our PLATE budget of 181,902.99

Other Business

The Sweep account forms and signed and being set up with Coastal States bank and should reflect in next month's Balance Sheets.

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:

								CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022	
APRIL	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM	Holy Week / Sunrise	CROSS P 10:30	CROSS P 9AM					
								8,124	26,574	3096	9,901	
2th	134	104	312	175	1161	445						
Easter	375	235	393	272	139	521	200	2,135				
16th	152	77	234	163		466	100					
23rd	129	96	218	166		454	200					
30th	125	72	238	111		457	200					
	915	584	1395	887	1300	2343	700					
								CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022	
MAY	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM			CROSS P 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS				
									5258	31,832	3565	13,466
7th	130	71	188	137			445	400				
14th	133	75	221	153			496	400				
21st	108	81	238	123			414	400				
28th	88	57	207	156			537	0				
	459	284	854	569			1892	1200				
								CURRENT MONTH	YTD 2023	MTD 2022	YTD 2022	
JUNE	HIST 5:28	HIST 8AM	HIST 10AM	CHAPEL 9AM			CROSS P 10:30	CROSS SCHOOLS				
									3062	34,894	2808	16,274
4th	115	75	234	138			474					
11th	98	71	162	175			434					
18th	123	97	294	140			432					
25th	336	243	690	453			1340	0				

To date, our 2023 in PEW attendance was 34,894 vs. 16,274 in 2022. Praise God.

Submitted Respectively,

J. Michael Simon, Treasurer

V OTHER

A FOLLOW UP: DAVID FISHER'S ORDINATION PROCESS—Millard Simmons
Vestry has finished its part of Discernment Process which has been sent to Cannon Ryan. Millard is waiting for Letter of Conclusion, Documentation of Approval, sent from Cannon Ryan for Vestry member signatures. (Chaplin) David Fisher will then begin assisting with services on July 15, 2023. Ordination to Deacon will be in October.

B. COLLUMBARIUM—Fr. Owens
Detailed Concept Plans discussed. (See Handout)

C. SUGGESTIONS ON CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SESSION II—M. Simmons
Suggestions discussed—some changes will be made (See Handout)

D. STATUS OF REPAIRS/UPGRADES PLANNED FOR 2023
All repairs/upgrades are complete on Parish Hall. Work beginning on Historic Church which all repairs must be approved by the Historic Society.

E. STATUS OF LOOKING AHEAD—FALL 2023—Fr. Owens
See Detailed Handout—Gives upcoming calendar events from June to December 2023.

VI CLOSING PRAYER (Michael Simon)

Vestry Meeting was closed in prayer. Our next meeting is July 21, 2023 at 12:30 in the Conference Room of The Chapel. Linda has the devotion and prayers.

Devotion Schedule: August—Craig Pelly: September: Tom Durston—October: Stew Brown—November: Sallie Brach—December Millard Simmons

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd

