

## **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS May 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens at The Chapel in the Conference Room.

**PRESENT:** Fr. Owens, M. Simmons, M. Simon, S. Brach, D. Barone and Joanne Byrd

**ABSENT:** Rod Musselman

### **I PRAYER AND DEVOTION: (D. Barone)**

Heart wrenching prayer opened the meeting as Doug prayed for the children, families, and victims of Uvalde, Texas school shootings this week

The devotional was entitled *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. His devotion focused on the Episcopal Church as the *Grinch* and the Anglican Church as the *Who's* in this 60 year old decade story revolving around love and truth. The focus is on what happens to churches when God's Word is not taught and the truth is lost allowing churches to slide into the culture. The Anglican Church will stand strong as it binds its wounds and serves the 14 churches which have lost their property, their jobs and their homes to the outcome of the final court decision. *The Grinch* tried to steal *Christmas* but he didn't succeed with those who believe in the Truth in Jesus Christ. Bishop Edgar reminds us through all this, "We must remember to proclaim the Gospel." John 15:15 was read.

### **II MINUTES: (J. Byrd):**

The Vestry Minutes of May 25, 2022 were previously distributed and approved as written.

### **III FINANCES: (M. Simon):**

#### **Financial Minutes Vestry Meeting May 2022**

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

Our income for April was \$242,384 (vs. a budget of \$222,298) Our expenses in April were \$186,645 vs a budget of \$193,990. Restricted accounts remain in healthy standing.

\*\* There was a motion presented by the Treasurer to pay down the BB&T loan by \$100,000 due to the strong cash position resulting from blessings of the congregation. The motion was seconded and approved, therefore passing.

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**IV OTHER: (Fr. Owens)**

A. Cross School Board trustee appointment of Elizabeth (Betsy) Batten was unanimously approved by vote in Vestry. D. Barone motioned for approval of J. Byrd and M. Simmons on Cross School Board. Vote was unanimous.

B. Amended and Restated Bylaws for Church of the Cross, Inc. were reviewed and amended. Motion to accept new revision by M. Simmons and seconded by S. Brach. Vote unanimously approved.

**C. Status of Merging Cross Church and The Church of the Cross**

1. God's Goods operating funds: merged into parish balance sheet; present baking arrangement maintained; July 2022
2. Mission Fund operating funds: merged into parish balance sheet; July 2022
3. Cross Church donations being stewarded in accordance with responses to letters to donors

**D. Retitling COM Properties to TCOTC**

1. Argent East: no problem/no debt
2. Cross Schools: tax exempt bond issue precludes church ownership
3. Seven Oaks: lis pidens; contract to buy in place until 12/31/22
4. Allen-Lockwood House: lis pidens; contract to buy in place until 12/31/22
5. The Chapel: present debt \$1, 200,000, title easily transferred when debt free

**E. Repairs to Parish Hall**

Repairs to begin immediately and completed in August, 2022.... supervised by Rod Musselman, Roger Abbey and Bill Stevenson. Motion for approval by M. Simmons and by S. Brach. Vestry vote was unanimous to begin repairs.

F. Vestry meeting dates were changed from the 4th Thursday of each month to the 3rd Thursday of each month to accommodate M. Simmons and J. Byrd's attendance at Cross School Board meetings.

**CONCLUSION: (D. Barone)**

The meeting was closed with prayer at 5:45PM. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 4PM in The Chapel Conference Room. S. Brach will do prayer and devotional.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd



## The Church of the Cross Vestry Minutes

June 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Fr Owens at 4PM in The Chapel Conference Room.

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

**I. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME** (Millard): New Vestrymen Tom Durston and Stew Brown. This expands the Vestry from 6 to 8 members for the future as well.

**II. PRAYER AND DEVOTION** (Sallie): Prayer was offered followed by introduction of the topic of *Stephen Ministry*. The inspiration for this ministry was St. Stephen who was blessed with Christian caring and wisdom. He became the first Christian martyr (Acts chapters 6-7). The Rev Dr Kenneth Haugk founded the movement out of need for lay ministers to supplement clergy pastoral care. On March 16,1975 Rev Haugk commissioned the first 9 Stephen Ministers in St Louis, MO. Since, over 600,000 Stephen Ministers have been trained and it has become an international organization. They provide Christian caring and support in one-on-one efforts to bring the broken to wholeness.

**III. MINUTES** (Joanne): The Vestry Minutes of May 25, 2022, were distributed electronically and were approved as written. They will be added to the Resources section of the Parish website.

**IV. FINANCIALS** (Michael): The newly assembled Financial Committee met for the first time on June 27, 2022: Chair Michael Simon, Kevin Sevier, Don Davis and Stew Brown.

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

Our income in May was \$223,630 (vs. a budget of \$192,298). Our expenses were \$205,023 (vs. a budget of \$232,425). Restricted accounts remain in a healthy standing.

### **VI. OTHER:**

**1. BYLAWS** (Fr Owens): The final draft of amended and restated bylaws of TCOTC was



distributed electronically. It was approved with no further additions or corrections 6/28/22. It will be added to the Resources section on the parish website.

2. **PARISH HALL** Rod): The PH repairs are well underway and are on schedule as anticipated.

3. **VESTRY DATES** (Millard): Planned meetings are generally the third Thursday each month at 4PM in The Chapel conference room. Scheduled dates, barring any need to adjust the schedule, are as follows: Wednesday, July 27; Thursday, August 18; Thursday, September 15; Thursday, October 20; Thursday, November 17; and Thursday, December 15.

4. **LAY STAFF REORGANIZATION** (Fr Owens): See "My Fellow Servants" handout -- copy follows below

VII. **FINAL**: Sallie closed in prayer. The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2022 at 4PM in the Chapel.

Millard will provide the prayer and devotion.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Millard Simmons, Senior Warden

My Fellow Servants,

By God's grace and favor, the number of people of all ages choosing to journey with us into the Lord's new tomorrow is continuing to increase; with this growth has come a clear call to discern and seize the diverse ministry opportunities now appearing on the horizon. We have been entrusted with much; and as the Good Book says, much is expected from us. To this end, Nathan, Elisabeth and Rebecca have been tasked as follows with addressing what I believe to be the three strands of God-honoring team work: clarity in short- and long-range objectives, communication of the strategies being used to implement the desired objectives, and accountability for the successes and failures achieved.

I. Faith Formation – Nathan Weaver

1. Cross Schools: This fall, a record number of students will be on campus (almost 700), one-year-olds through high school juniors . . . what an opportunity that presents to shape the next generation for





Christ! Our goal: every child hearing the Gospel every day. Nathan's team will include: Barb Ready\*, Leslie Albert\*, Michael-Anne Land, David Ray\* and David Fisher\* (\*joining our staff in August). This ministry will also extend to staff members, parents and the extended School community. Additionally, Nathan will be serving on the School's administrative team, thus contributing to its overall direction. Though an initiative of TCOTC and under its oversight, this ministry will receive partial funding from Cross Schools.

2. The Parish: The potential outreach possibilities among the children of this parish family and their friends, nursery through high school, is now of such magnitude that a very strategic goal-oriented-approach with an increased emphasis on discipleship is mandated. Working with Tim Edwards, Michael-Anne Land and a host of volunteers, in August Nathan will begin implementing this shift in focus from fellowship among participants to in-depth relationships with Jesus.

## II. Pastoral Care – Elisabeth Markle

1. The Parish: For some nine months, Elisabeth has been working diligently to coordinate the existing care ministries, to revive those ministries that have not regained their momentum since the cessation of in-person ministries two years ago, and to build an awareness of new opportunities to serve those in need. This vast undertaking is made more challenging by the diversity of its components (from Stephen Ministry to Healing After Loss, from the Caregivers Support Group to the Dinner Ministry, from Goin' Home to Operation Christmas Child, and some dozen more in place or envisioned). The goal: to maximize service delivery across our sphere of influence through volunteer recruitment, training, and interfacing with non-parish care providers with the hope of creating more effective ways to identify and connect more people to the wide variety of Church-offered ministries.
2. The Community: Cross Christian Counseling will be birthed this fall under the direction of Lauren Weaver aided by Caitlin Fisher, both of whom have completed the graduate programs necessary for full certification in South Carolina. Given the paucity of Christian counseling available in this area, we fully expect this ministry to



experience demand from day one and to expand rapidly thereafter. Though Lauren and Caitlin (and other future counselors and administrators) will be on the staff of TCOTC as of September 1st, this program will be funded by client fees, with the parish providing financial assistance for those in need. Hopefully, Cross Christian Counseling and the various pastoral care ministries will prove to be a mutually beneficial service delivery team.

### III. Parish Administration: Rebecca Hamilton

- This fall, the non-clergy members of our ministry team will number thirty-two, fifteen full-time and seventeen part-time . . . quite a change from the two part-time folks who assisted my efforts twenty-six years ago! These staffing additions have been commensurate with our steady growth in membership (now 2,200+); and their roles have evolved to meet the needs of our eighty-plus ministries and the thousands we strive to serve. Some work entirely on one of our campuses, others work remotely from home, still others do a bit of both - all join our invaluable volunteers in supporting our Vision: "To be a community of Christ-imitators in which people are respected, loved and called to God-honoring excellence as they serve the Lord and others in His name."
- While each of these servants has in mind a sense of individual purpose, a consistent effort has not been made to capitalize on the potential impact of a more unified focus of our time and talents. Our mission is simply too important to the present and future well-being of our members, visitors, and the vast numbers of folks who look to us for spiritual guidance via the internet to continue to utilize "a small congregation approach" to staffing and production in what has become one of the largest congregations in the Anglican Church in North America. In July, Rebecca will formally begin to refine our approach to ministry support; Charlie Fiddler has just come on board to strengthen and coordinate our use of technology and to guide our desire to achieve God-honoring efficiency and excellence in the use of this critical tool for ministry; Christian Ray will be joining her on August 1st to assist in defining and implementing the critical steps needed to take what will be for us a giant leap into God's new tomorrow in church staffing and productivity. Regine Johnson, assisted by Alena Horton, will continue to hold the parish's financial reins.



I have always had your prayers and cooperation as we ventured through a season of change – I am confident that, as Nathan, Elisabeth and Rebecca lead on my behalf, they will be accorded the same.



## **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.

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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







## **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS VESTRY MINUTES September 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens in the Parish Hall on the Historic Campus at 3:30PM.

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

**I PRAYER AND DEVOTION:** (J. Byrd....read by Tom Durston in Joanne's absence)

Tom opened in prayer. DAILY LIGHT is the title of Joanne's devotion as Psalm 119:105 "Your Word Is A Lamp To My Feet and A Light To My Path" jogged her memory from her youth, to her August 27, 2022 daily devotion reading from her cherished DAILY LIGHT. The book first published by the Bagster Family, devout Christians in London, England 1785. It is a collection of 732 Scripture readings for each morning and evening for 366 days. It is strictly God's word... unlike other devotionals, it has no other opinions or thoughts...Just God's Word.

In 1968 Anne Graham Lotz had copyright and updated to DAILY LIGHT for EVERY DAY. She changed nothing of the original scripture except updating to New King James version and adding Life's Moments and The Seasons of Life subject titles which give scripture for celebrations and life's struggles. Mrs. Lotz calls DAILY LIGHT the "baton of truth" which was read by her grandmother as a child in China, her mother, herself and her children. As Christians we must pass the 'baton of truth' from one generation to the next keeping God's Word alive. HIS word is truly is "A Lamp To My Feet and A Light To My Path" each day.

**II MINUTES:** (J. Byrd)

The Vestry Minutes of August 18, 2022 were electronically distributed and approved as written.

**III FINANCIALS:** (M. 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 August was \$177,890 (vs. a budget of \$165,000).

This month, we begin reporting our total revenue to include both the plate offering, on line offering, as well as "Other Income" which comes from our Ministries. We record it



in this manner because our total expenses now includes the distribution of the ministries. Therefore, our total income for August was \$250,336.

Our total expenses in August were \$261,073 vs a budget of \$198,875. This includes the Mission Outreach Donations.

Please note the high expense resulted as we received no insurance coverage for the Historic Campus strike since the repairs were less than \$25,000, which is our deductible. Also, the Parish Hall upgrades are posted in the August expenses with the exception of \$18,700 for painting which will post in September.

Restricted accounts remain in healthy standing and our cash position remains very strong.

September PLATE Income MTD for two weeks is \$75,953 against our PLATE budget of \$190,000.

Our on line giving now runs about 34% compared to the Giving/Tithing.

We still await the closing of sale of the property of Seven Oaks and 94 Calhoun. We are waiting for the lien placed by TEC to be released. The buyer is still anxious to close.

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### **IV OTHER:**

A. Status of Parish Hall Repairs/Remodeling: Parish Hall repairs are largely completed. New Audio/visual equipment is waiting on a part from Italy. Lightning strike damage to Historic Church Campus has been repaired





B. Church Leadership Training Seminars are scheduled on the following dates: Sept. 10, Oct. 1, and Oct.22. (Subsequently, due to Hurricane IAN, the last two presentations were delayed two weeks.

C. Anglican Diocese of South Carolina Jerusalem Fund: Vestry agreed to put \$100,000 from a designated fund into the Bishop's Jerusalem Fund. (9/13 meeting recap)

D. Seven Oaks: Lien has been released by TEC. It's expected sale will close by the end of month with an approximate \$1(one) million income for TCOTC. Income will allow payment of 700K for The Chapel and 200K for Calhoun. The change will show on the balance sheet next month.

### **CONCLUSION (Tom)**

Tom closed meeting in prayer. The next meeting will be October 20, 2022 at 3:30Pm in The Conference Room at The Chapel. Michael Simon has prayer and devotional.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Byrd





## **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS VESTRY MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Owens at 3:30pm in The Chapel Conference Room.

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

### **I PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS (Michael Simon):**

Our meeting was opened in prayer. Michael's devotion illustrated 'the Power of Faith and commitment to an All Powerful God' through the faith filled residents of Oberammergau, Germany who survived plagues, wars and famine for centuries since 1770. In their deep gratitude to God the residents of Oberammergau presented a Passion Play which Michael and Sonja recently attended after discovering their beautiful Nativity scene had been hand carved in Oberammergau, Germany. Passion Play weaves the Old Testament and New Testament together depicting Jesus' journey to the Cross. 'As was vowed by the residents in 1633, that if God spared them from the plague, they would perform a play every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus.' There have been years it has not been presented due to world events or COVID...not one of the 5000 residents of Oberammergau had COVID. THANKS BE TO GOD!

### **I MINUTES (J. Byrd):**

Vestry Minutes of September 15, 2022 were approved as written and previously distributed electronically.

### **III 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 September was \$208,015 (vs. a budget of \$190,000). Our total income for September was \$253,272.95.

Our total expenses in September were \$262,890.38 vs a budget of \$228,225.31. This includes the Mission Outreach Donations, Cross School Scholarships, Diocesan Pledge and Diocesan Blessings.



Our September Balance Sheet now reflects the sale of the Calhoun Properties. This decreases the total assets, yet vastly reduces the total liabilities which reflects ZERO Loan Payables, Praise God!

The transfer of the titles for The Chapel and Argent Properties from COM to TCOTC is being handled legally and should reflect on the BL in the next 30-60 days which will significantly increase the Total Assets number.

The proceeds from the sale of the Calhoun Properties does not reflect as revenue on the P&L. Rather, it reflects under expenses as a loss from disposal of assets and is recorded as an expense. It's just a bookkeeping entry, not anything that affects cash.

This month we will begin to approve the funds that the Mission Board recommends for disbursement.

The Mission Board has on hand at the end of September \$274,482. They have already commitments for October (funds which they allocate monthly) \$16,348. The Mission Board has done their diligence and research through applications, and is requesting \$116,920 for total number of \$133,268.

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.

Restricted accounts remain in healthy standing and our cash position remains very strong

October PLATE Income MTD for the first 3 weeks is \$121,041 against our PLATE budget of \$220,000.

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Our in person attendance this year vs last year is up 57%, we are very blessed to see so many coming back to worship and fellowship.

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



Submitted Respectively,  
J. Michael Simon, Treasurer

1. The Vestry reviewed the Mission Board request for funding in October as submitted by email from Sonja Wessler. The Financial Board reviewed and voted to approve the request, thus recommending support for approval by the Vestry. The Vestry filed a motion to approve the request, which was seconded and voted in favor of approval. M. Simmons notified the Mission Board of such approval.
2. Overview of 2023 Stewardship Process/timeline & Budgeting (Fr. Owens)

#### **IV OTHER**

##### **A. STATUS OF PARISH HALL REPAIRS/REMODELING (Fr. Owens):**

Waiting for new sound system to be installed. Trim work around windows is being completed.

##### **B. RECAP OF SESSION II OF CLTW (Mill):**

18 participants, many who are solidly involved in ongoing COTC ministries.  
Evaluation Report: 1. Same ministries at different tables 2. too many slides  
3. More time needed for discussions 4. Evaluation: 4/best ever, 11/recommend to others, 15/worth my time, 9/reinforced what I know, 0/wouldn't recommend

##### **C. PREVIEW OF IRISH VISIT (Fr. Owens)**

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

A. Mr. Chuck Evans, Interim Head of Cross Schools, shared his background which has equipped him to do the job he does. Mr. Evans attributes Cross Schools being spared the erosion which happened to many schools currently due to its strong biblical leadership especially the storms of the last two years. He believes in Harmony-Progress- and Readiness for his staff as they build lasting relationships with each other. He believes we have a very good Board of Directors in tune with the Christian beliefs necessary to grow Cross Schools. The next Head of Schools must value the Anglican tradition and identify with it as we move forward into the future.

B. Lynn Oberg—Treasurer— Missions Outreach Board See Handout

#### **CONCLUSION (Tom Durston):**

Tom closed the meeting by reading a powerful prayer called 'I AM'. The next Vestry



Meeting will be November 18, 2022 at 2:30pm in Historic Campus. Stew will have devotion and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Byrd





## 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):

#### Financial Minutes Vestry Meeting November 2022

#### **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.

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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



## **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.

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**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





