

**Grace Church Vestry Minutes**  
**March 19, 2024**

*Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,  
serving & reverencing God's creation.*

*Called to order at 6:04 pm.*

**DEVOTIONAL** (Tracy leading us on pg. 7 of *Meditations for Vestry Members*)

**PRAYER & [COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES](#)** (#3 by Jesse)

**PASTORAL Check-in**

**Attendees:** Mary Lockey, Barbara Rowe, Jesse Nelson, Georgia Raines, Tracy Baum, Betty Bradley, Rev. Joslyn, Gary and Mike (treasurers), David (clerk) and guest Marie Shaginaw

**Absent:** Suzie LeClaire, John Turley, Joyce Brooks.

**\*CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve [February](#) minutes
- Receive Treasurer's reports for February's: [Operating](#), [Balance](#), [Consolidated](#) Funds

*Motion to approve consent agenda made by Barbara, seconded by Tracy and unanimously approved.*

**STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORTS**

(Link reports for Vestry to read; list items needing discussion or requiring Vestry action in **red**)

- PARISH PROGRAMS Report [here](#)
  - o Renewal Works update meeting [minutes](#).

*(Will now be added quarterly)*

- o [St. John's](#) Bible Request from M/T/H Fund

*Motion to approve request for funding made by Tracy, seconded by Georgia and unanimously approved.*

*Discussion included Summer Dinner Groups - in the past advertising began in April with the groups starting in late May.*

*Children's sermons weekly? Consensus is that this would be welcome.*

*Palm Sunday - prayer flags and Egg Hunt in groups!*

*"Emergency Lesson Formats" in the event of a sudden absence or illness of the planned forum leader. Information in the Library.*

- OUTREACH Report [here](#)

*Meetings to be held on the third Tuesday. A budget was put together just prior to this vestry meeting and it will be presented to the vestry for a vote (possibly via email). March and April minutes will be added for review at the April vestry meeting.*

*April 14 - Ukrainian Delegation will be invited to the forum.*

- ADMINISTRATION Report [here](#)
  - o Request Vestry approval of vision statement created by Endowment Sub-Committee: *To provide financial support for Grace Church in the Mountains and all its ministries for future generations.*

*Motion to approve vision statement made by Tracy, seconded by Mary and unanimously approved.*

- o Request Vestry approval of appointment of Dale Yerse to Admin. Comm. as Kent Clary will be leaving at the end of spring.

*Motion to appoint Dale Yerse made by Betty, seconded by Tracy and unanimously approved.*

## **WARDENS' REPORT**

- VPOD/Stewardship
  - Vestry to discuss ways VPOD role can be used to start using more “stewardship language.”

*Mary offered to provide bullet points for VPOD to use for discussion. We will revisit timing whether the VPOD will continue to greet at opening of Service or speak during announcement time.*

- B&G Clean-up Day, Saturday, March 23, 9:30am to 12 noon.

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

- Congregational Care: Met about forming a new grief ministry
- What should Vestry be doing now in terms of Stewardship Enhancement? How can we support John/ Mary/ Admin team?

*Intentional discussion should take place at each vestry meeting.*

- Sacramental Care: Three Baptisms scheduled for Easter Vigil
  - Funerals - Four being scheduled for April
- What do we need to be listening for to prepare for visioning retreat? Note Vestry Update forum on 5/5.

*During the visioning retreat may be a good time to ‘test’ stewardship messaging.*

- Worship: Changes to Holy Week; Need for Visual Ministry Team?
- Thoughts on welcoming Ukrainian visitors on 4/14?

*All agreed this sounds like a good idea.*

- Evaluation: how is “Stump the Rector” going? Better ideas for next year
- : feedback on Lenten Program?

## **CLOSING PRAYER:** Betty

*Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by David Ferguson.*