

Report of the Endowment Committee November 2020

The Endowment Committee report for 2020 is quiet but good news. Both funds, Jesse Crane and JW Peterson, have made steady growth allowing the parish to use the monies for approved projects. The endowments are healthy and stable.

The Peterson Fund, for internal parish requests that fall outside the approved budget, has available funds of \$6763.06 at the end of September 2020.

This year, we have been able to support two requests from this internal fund. We have provided Livestream equipment, essential for the parish to stream services during the church closure due to the pandemic, in the amount of \$6000. The request was made by Father Andy Jones and was clearly merited.

The second request for Peterson funds came from Mother Melesa Skoglund. The amount of \$450 was approved as a portion of the cost to sponsor an anti-racism education and discussion program led by a skilled facilitator in October. The funds provided for 8-15 parish members to participate in the work of learning how we can face our own racism and support people of color.

The Jesse Crane fund, for creative ministries outside the parish, has available funds of \$3875.18 as of September 2020.

This year, we have been able to continue the grant requested last year to provide ongoing support of \$200 per month to the Cherokee Middle School Food Pantry. We anticipate continuing to fund the food pantry next year.

We need to publish the endowment funds, making sure that parish members realize the resources at hand. Having money to spend is a rare blessing. We are a parish of imagination and energy, and we can be allies to groups or projects outside our parish. We can also support our growth and learning within our parish home. More ideas to use these funds for service will be welcome. I would like to suggest that a quarterly reminder to the parish of the two funds be added to our online announcements and to The Crossroads. We do not have unlimited funds, but we can do much if we're imaginative with the funds we have at hand.

Respectfully submitted,
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