

“To love others as Christ loves us”

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

5:00 pm

Attending: Harrison McLeod (Rector), Bill Hardaway (Senior Warden), Bryant Nixon (Junior Warden), Nelson Arrington (Asst. Treasurer), Betsy Baumgardner, Betty Parker Ellis, Norma Givens, Julie Haas, Dexter Hagy, Josh Hudson, (Secretary of the Vestry), Kay Jenkins, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor), Cindy Poe, and Michelle Brown (Clerk of the Vestry).

Absent: Betsy Elliott, Sam Erwin, Paul Landis, Martha Louise Lewis

Zoom: Cecil Nelson (Chancellor), Phil Peterson

The meeting was opened with prayer from the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod at 5:00pm.

Ministry Area Update Challenges, Opportunities:

Donald Duncan, Director of Music and Liturgy

Sarah Marczynski, Liturgy and Music Coordinator

Vestry liaison Norma Givens

- Sarah and Donald shared their statistical accomplishments through a handout that was passed out to the vestry along with their Chorister’s Prayer on a business card.
- They both expressed their (1) joys, (2) concerns, and (3) surprises that they have experienced over the years they have been with Christ Church.
- A question was asked regarding starting a choir with disadvantaged children, they responded with the launch of that initiative to be on October 16.

Rectors Report – Harrison McLeod

- Kristin Bennett and Harrison have been in conversations with a family regarding a \$25,000 gift to purchase a 15-passenger transit van. They are challenging the vestry to help.
- Harrison, Bill, nor Bryant will know who the donors are. Kristin will be the only one who knows.
- Kristin will contact each vestry member separately.
- The van will be used for youth retreats as well as work projects for them. It will also be used to transport seniors. There was some discussion regarding the added cost that a new bus would bring and budgeting for those costs. Harrison stated that some of those expenses would be shared in the budgets of those ministry areas.
- Three anniversary celebrations today belong to Nelson and Karen Arrington, Michael and Betsy Elliott, and Sam and Meg Erwin.

Senior Warden – Bill Hardaway

- The goal is to end the vestry meeting at 5:45pm.
- Clergy will join for the second session on History and Theology with Canon Stephen Rhoades as guest speaker.
- Birthdays for this month are Betty Parker Ellis and Martha Louise Lewis.

- Usher training and orientation will be held on August 27. Greeters and live streaming volunteers are also included. There will be a BBQ dinner afterwards.
- A lunch session led by Shannon Dew to discuss our Core Values will take place on August 27th following the 10:30 service.
- Thank you to all for their participation in our priorities. The survey results on ranking were passed out.

Junior Warden – Bryant Nixon

Asking for approval to draw funds from the Hatch fund for the following:

- Parking lot crack fill, seal coating, striping \$10,970.
- Signage \$7,000.
- Window film for lower level of parish house \$33,238.
 - a. Exterior doors and windows \$15,433.
 - b. Windows and doors at interior courtyard \$8,810.
 - c. Interior hallway windows and doors to classrooms \$12,995.

Total cost \$55,208.

Motion: Bryant Nixon moved to approve the building and grounds repair and improvements totaling \$55,208. Betty Parker Ellis seconded the motion. There was discussion about why the preschool was not asked to bare at least some of the cost. Bryant stated the church safety committee met and the committee decided it was a cost the church would cover completely for the preschool. All in favor. None opposed.

Co-Treasurer – Nelson Arrington

The budget process has started with the creation of the 2024 Christ Churches Priorities.

Motion: Bill Hardaway asked that the Vestry affirm the priorities as presented. Kay Jenkins seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed.

Treasurer Report – Chris Klasing

- The Treasurer’s Report that was sent out was the same as last month with no changes.
- The month of July is more encouraging.
- The audit is complete and will be reviewed with Harrison and Foster McKissick. Once it is approved, Michelle will have it for you to review.
- The property at 101 Broadus should be leased and occupied by October 1st.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cindy Poe moved to accept July minutes as presented. Betty Parker Ellis seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed.

New business

No new business to discuss.

Committee/Team Reports

No updates.

Other Business:

No other business updates.

Devotion offered by Phil Peterson

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:54 pm.