

“To love others as Christ loves us”

**Christ Church Episcopal Vestry Minutes
Christ Church All Saints Center – Room 100
Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Attending: Bill Hardaway (Senior Warden), Bryant Nixon (Junior Warden), Betty Parker Ellis, Norma Givens, Mary Holt Murphy, Phil Peterson, Kay Jenkins, Dexter Hagy, Betsy Baumgardner, Kellie Wilson, Paul Landis

Minutes Taken by: Bryant Nixon

Attending by Phone: Cecil Nelson (Chancellor), Nelson Arrington III (Treasurer)

Not in Attendance: Harrison McLeod (Rector), Wade Kolb III (Asst. Chancellor), Chris Klasing (Asst. Treasurer), Julie Haas, Martha Louise Lewis, Smyth McKissick IV, Angelle Reichert, Wes Clarke

Guests: The Reverend Kellie Wilson (Senior Associate Priest)

Welcome & Prayer:

The Reverend Kellie Wilson opened the meeting in Prayer at 5:06pm.

Ministry Area Update:

Bill welcomed The Reverend Kellie Wilson for a report. Kellie opened with a review of her duties and responsibilities including Leadership Team, Staff Management, General management over-site, Non-Compliance HR responsibilities, Staff engagement, and in the absence of the Rector, working with the wardens. Kellie also reviewed her duties associated with the preschool. Kellie reviewed her typical work week. Kellie reviewed major projects ongoing at the preschool including a credit card policy, school structure, and budget, accreditation, and the advisory committee. Kellie reviewed projects and activities in Faith Development including increased engagement, redesigned milestones and transitions, and a 2025 Epiphany Event. Kellie also reviewed her involvement and activities surrounding HR and the Special Needs Committee. Kellie noted that the Special Needs Committee has a goal of creating a sensory room. Finally, Kellie reviewed the recent staff training session on volunteer engagement.

Senior Warden’s Report – Bill Hardaway:

Bill reminded the vestry of the upcoming weekend with Becca Stevens on October 25-27

Bill thanked Kellie and Lindy for their leadership in Harrison’s absence. Bill also thanked Stephen Rhodes who is filling in while Scott and Harrison are away.

Bill reminded the Vestry that the October meeting will be at CCES including a tour at 4:00

Junior Warden’s Report – Bryant Nixon:

Working on some flooring and painting updates in the preschool. We will begin working on selection of an architect to help with restoring Markley Chapel. Bryant also noted that the church has been approached by several developers interested in improving some unused church land on Broadus to paved parking.

Treasurer’s Report – Nelson Arrington:

Highlights:

August's total revenues were \$181,494 vs. \$162,341 budgeted. The monthly pledge revenue was \$162,590 vs. \$138,531 budgeted. Year-to-date total revenues were \$2,096,257 vs. \$2,037,860 budgeted with total year-to-date pledge revenue of \$1,770,483 vs 1,688,309 budgeted. Overall, we continue to track favorably on pledges so far this year running \$82,174 ahead of budget. Prior Year Pledges are below budget by \$10,466, and at this point in the year, this would likely signal an overall shortfall of this amount for the year. Of the \$195,000 in One-time/Bridge Gifts, we have collected \$158,857 of the total.

- Net expenses for August were \$199,768, \$30,798 (13.4%) under budget. YTD net expenses were \$2,147,540, \$3,625(.2%) over budget. Regarding specific ministry areas YTD:
- Support ministry was \$42,257 under budget due to staff vacancies (not timing), under-runs in Hardware and Software along with several under-runs other department expenses (timing).
- Buildings and Grounds was \$66,619 over budget due to building maintenance expenses, overrun in salaries and benefits, utilities (primarily water but also electric) and increased spending on security (not timing).
- Parish Life was \$18,696 under budget due to underruns in certain program expenses and receipt of basketball fees prior to corresponding expenses to be paid (timing).
- All other ministry areas within \$10K of their budgets.
- Net Income (without auxiliary income/loss) year-to-date was a deficit of \$51,283 vs a budgeted deficit of \$106,055, \$54,772 better than expected.

Nelson also reported that the water leak in the parish house has been repaired and that the church is trying to recoup some money from Greenville Water.

Vestry Nominations:

Nelson presented the following slate of nominations for the upcoming vestry elections:

Sr. Warden: Nancy Kennedy

Jr Warden: Chan Boyd

Vestry: Wes Clark, Jane Harrison Fisher, Eric Jordan, Dorothy Nicholson, Joe Oglesby, and John Wood

Delegates: Eliza Alderman and John Wood

Nelson and Bill both confirmed that all other nominees for both Junior and Senior Wardens were contacted and declined.

The Vestry voted to approve the slate, and the vote was unanimous approval.

Dexter commented that he hoped soon, the vestry election process and election of wardens will be improved through revisions to the by-laws

Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2024:

Betty Parker noted two typographical changes to the minutes including the word Response(s) in the third paragraph and also the correction of the name Christoph(er). The vestry voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the changes noted.

New Business:

Kay noted that Laurens and Dorothy Nicholson donated some new prayer books in the Chapel.

Phil noted that several cameras have been installed at the ASC. Also, security film is being installed.

Other Business:

None.

The closing Devotion was offered by Kay and included writings from Fred Gough from St Barnabus Church in Dillon, SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.