

Vestry Meeting – February 16, 2016

Attending: Harrison McLeod (Rector), Sam Erwin (Sr. Warden), Bill Hardaway (Jr. Warden), Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Louise Oxner, Lizzy Sterling, Bill Kehl (Chancellor), Tom Croft, Chuck Reichert, Nelson Arrington, Dena Benedict, Ben Norwood, Beth Smith, Wayne McDonald, Betty Teague, Bryant Nixon, Rose Cuddy (Recorder)

Absent: Dan Seaman (Assistant Treasurer)

January Minutes

The January Vestry Meeting minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Wayne McDonald and seconded by Nelson Arrington. All voted in favor, none were opposed.

Rector's Report

Professional Development

Harrison brought to the group a presentation he gave at Staff meeting earlier in the day regarding the church mission statement A joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ. He addressed Restoration as not only a physical project at the Church, but an opportunity to be creative and courageous in how we worship together.

Possible Service schedules during restoration were discussed. Would the schedule look like the following:

8:00 AM Rite 1, Chapel

8:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM One Rite II Service in the ASC or would there be two: a blended Rite II in ASC, and a Rite I in the Chapel.

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Priorities identified at the Vestry Retreat for the coming year

- Engagement
- Communication
- Growth – encourage new leaders to sustain and grow each ministry.

“Homework” for next Vestry Meeting

How do we define Success? How do we know we are on the right track? Harrison asked the Vestry to define **“What Would Success Look Like?”** and bring a sentence or two to the next Vestry meeting March 15. If you were looking back at 2016 in January 2017, how would you say that that 2016 has been a success?

2015 Retrospective

The Vestry viewed the 2015 retrospective video created by Vanessa Levin-Pompetzki of the Communications Department.

Personnel Updates

Christine Skelton will begin no later than April 4 as new CCEP Director. A welcome event will be held March 1 or March 3 for families to meet her.

Donald Duncan will be introduced this week as the new Director of Music and Principal Organist. He will begin work March 16.

Kyle Miller began this week as Professional Development Director, a 10 hour a week position.

Kyle Kyzer will begin as Middle School Ministry Director February 29. Kyle has an Masters in Divinity and is a Presbyterian. He will participate in Discovery Weekend.

Stewardship

We are still behind in our annual pledges. Harrison personally wrote letters to 39 people who pledged \$1000 or more last year, but not this year. Some responses have been coming in. Some have had autodrafts from their banks and continued this at the bank, but not informed the church.

Lord Carey

The former Archbishop of Canterbury's visit was a great opportunity to learn more about worldwide Anglicanism. Harrison thanked the Vestry for their participation in the weekend's events. The Archbishop signed the Children's Communion Bibles.

Vestry Email

Harrison will commit to emailing Vestry once a month between Vestry meetings. Vestry will also receive by Friday the survey regarding the accommodations and work done at the Vestry Retreat.

Vestry Assignments

Harrison would like to accomplish this by Friday and get Vestry acquainted with their ministry areas.

Senior Warden's Report

Sam thanked the Vestry for coming to the retreat. He highlighted Harrison's homework for next month regarding how to measure success for the year. This exercise helps keep our goals in front of us. He noted that the Vestry accomplished most of their goals from the previous year's retreat, so we do have a record of success.

Junior Warden's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

January Report

January receipts were very good, about 25% over budget. Expenses were 15% under budget. These were both due to timing issues and having five Sundays of giving in January. In February, this could be reversed and figures are expected to be closer to budget on income and outgo. The last page in the report reflects the decisions made in the last year to ameliorate some of the seasonal flow in church finances.

Restoration Project Financial Procedures

Chris called the group's attention to the financial policy that has been prepared to be put in place for church restoration. This will require Vestry approval. It is presented by the restoration project committee and will provide guidance for future projects. Since it is coming from the committee, the policy doesn't need a second. It was reviewed and approved by our auditor. The Vestry reviewed the policy and voted unanimously to approve. The policy will go into the financial and administrative procedure book kept by the Business office to refer to as lay leadership changes. The report required by the policy will be included in the Treasurer's monthly report to the Vestry.

Departmental Reports

Faith in Action

Wayne thanked everyone for the 1500 units of food given in the Faith in Action. Beth added that her cousin, director of United Ministries, is very vocal in her support of Christ Church's commitment to the food drive.

Annual Giving

Nelson passed along the Planned Giving Luncheon at noon on Thursday. Vestry is not required to attend, but encouraged. Please let Rusty know so he can plan food accordingly.

107 Broadus Update

Tom noted that Christ Church is proceeding with an application to the City of Greenville to see if we can have the 107 Broadus house, which is in a historic district, taken down. Dena asked if the city doesn't agree, what can we do? Tom noted that we've received citations from the city for the appearance of the building and were summoned to court over this issue. He and Business Administrator Larry Pope represented Christ Church before the judge. Beth asked if part of the issue was what we wanted to do with the property. During the CCEP building process, a rumor was spread that this property would have become a parking deck. Tom mentioned that the neighbors have agreed that they would not object if we would share the plans for this property with them. A "green" parking space is proposed at this time. The request will be submitted March 7 for an April 7 public hearing.

New Business

St. George Award

Scout Troop 533 has nominated Valerie Riddle for the St. George Award. Harrison asked if someone from the Vestry on behalf of the Scouts would present the motion. Ben Norwood presented the

nomination; Betty Teague seconded it. Dena asked if Valerie was a member of the parish. Valerie, a chaplain at CCES, is not a member at Christ Church. Nominees must be Episcopalian, but not necessarily a member of the sponsoring church. Contingent on confirmation of her being a member of an Episcopal church in good standing (which was found to be St. Andrews, Spartanburg, but Valerie and her husband are in the process of transferring to Christ Church). All voted in favor.

2015 Parish Report

This annual report which goes to the national church office, must be approved by the Vestry. Sam's question was if we had this in a spreadsheet so we can track from year to year. Chris noted that he uses it each year in a statistical report, and would be happy to send the report to the entire Vestry. Chris called Vestry attention to some of the highlights of the report including the CRAB statistics – Confirmations, Receptions, Adult Baptisms – if a church's CRAB is greater than 10% of your average Sunday attendance, then the church is considered to be growing. As some of the figures were questionable, the report was withdrawn for review and will be submitted again at the March meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with Compline.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Cuddy, recorder