

May 15, 2018 - Christ Church Vestry Meeting

Earle Conference Room, Christ Church Parish House

Vestry Meeting

Attending: Harrison McLeod (Rector), Bern Mebane (Senior Warden), Dena Benedict (Junior Warden), Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Bill Kehl (Chancellor), Anne Arrington, Jim Baumgardner, Lauren Briles, Cotton Clarke, Mac Gentile, George E. McCall, Kevin Mertens, Louise Oxner, Chuck Reichert, Betty Teague, Helen Wynkoop.

Absent: Dan Seaman (Assistant Treasurer), Brent Williams.

Guests: No guests attended tonight's meeting.

Harrison opened the meeting with prayer at 5:00 PM.

Rector's Report

Harrison reported that today is the last day of work at Christ Church for Bob Chiles (Priest Associate for Pastoral Care) and Emily Davis (Director of Welcoming Ministry). He expressed appreciation for the work and lives affected by the ministry of these two gifted staff people. Newcomers Dinner is tonight, so please offer both of these a word of thanks when you see them at the dinner.

Harrison said that Jay Biedenharn, Priest Associate for Pastoral Care, is back in town after his father's funeral. Jay will be at the Newcomers Dinner tonight. Harrison also reported that staff member Monica Walsh's brother died Sunday night in a car accident. Please be mindful of these families' needs.

The Joyful Garden Tour raised about \$108,000. He lauded the job that Mary Johnston and Cindy Poe did with the garden tour. Angelle Reichert and Betty Teague came to staff meeting today to express their thanks to the staff for their work and volunteer efforts on this signature event. Harrison said this event, which attracts both parishioners and non-parishioners, is evangelistic and impactful.

He also pointed to the reception after the rededication of the church April 29 as a great example of volunteer involvement led by Vestry members Helen Wynkoop and Lauren Briles.

Harrison commented on Sunday's Orimos service, where youth were inducted into the education program leading toward Confirmation and praised the excellent work of Youth Ministry Director Hannah Flack and Priest Associate for Faith Development the Rev. Kellie Wilson.

He informed the Vestry that Dena Benedict will host a staff and family picnic at her home on Friday, June 8.

Questions and Comments for Harrison: None.

Senior Warden

Bern Mebane followed up by praising Dena Benedict's work with the 3CC.

Bern has been in contact with preservationist Kyle Campbell regarding rehabbing 107 Broadus by taking advantage of current tax credits. The first option he mentioned would be a LLC established by the church and the second option would involve a lease. Lauren asked about details of the second scenario.

Bern said the lease option means that a developer would take over the building and lease it to a third party after rehabbing it to our specifications. If the church is a partner in a LLC, we would have to put up a contribution toward the process, but the church would receive a portion of the lease funds. If the project is done by an outside developer, the church would likely not receive lease income.

Harrison said that we need to do something with the 107 Broadus building, but we do not have the means at this point to take on the cost of refurbishing the building for use. There are developers who can do this and take advantage of these tax credits currently offered for such projects. The church would lose the use of the building for the term of the lease, but at the end of the lease, would have a restored building ready for use. The house is not by itself historical, but it exists in a "historic district" and would need to be rehabbed under Design Review Board guidelines. Lizzy Sterling and others are taking inventory of what's currently stored in the property before we go further.

In a separate matter, the 101 Broadus building is an example of the understood implication from the past that anytime there's contiguous property available at a reasonable cost, that the church would attempt to acquire that property.

Junior Warden

Dena Benedict said that she had conducted exit interviews with Bob Chiles and Emily Davis. She will conduct Bill Johnson's exit interview next week.

When your ministry area comes to present at Vestry, please introduce and welcome the staff members. Next month is Worship and Pastoral Care.

Third Century Commission Report

Dena Benedict reported that the 3CC closed out the parish wide values survey April 23. She appreciated everyone encouraging parishioners to respond. A total of 765 were received for an excellent response rate of 19%. Some highlights were that there's a strong consistency in top core values across the age groups. Also, there was a strong consistency among both male and female. Sixty percent of respondents were female and 40% male. The strongest response was from those over age 60, but the response rate from those age 30 and under was low. There were more than 200 comments and additional values, which were consistent as well. Very few complaints and no calls to the hotline were registered. Currently, the 3CC is working on the top core values and value statements. They are working on the framework and the mission statement. You'll start hearing a lot of education and information soon.

Bern commented that the framework won't be complicated, but will be a way to judge if an activity fits our mission. Harrison said it may be overly ambitious to hope we have everything in place for the 2019 budget cycle, but we would like to be able to hold up all that we do against our values, mission, vision and purpose. This will help us, in a more focused way, to determine if something aligns with them, how to proceed if it needs tweaking, or if we should end it if it does not fit.

Jim asked about the top values. Dena said the survey had 16 listed and they are looking at the top six values or so along with if others receiving consistently high results can be combined in a way that is succinct and meaningful, easy to remember and lead us to action. The top ones were faithful, compassionate, inviting to all and community. These may stand alone or may be clustered with similar

words from the most responses. Harrison said these words will be used to help craft a mission statement, which will describe what we do. Harrison said there will be several opportunities for staff, leadership team and Vestry to meet together to talk about as we move toward the fall.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Klasing called the group's attention to the monthly report sent earlier by email to the Vestry. Cotton asked if Femenella had completed their work on the stained glass windows. Harrison reported that there are several elements not yet finished, so the final expense for the windows is yet to be determined.

Chris said that volunteers are once again counting offerings on Monday mornings. Two parishioners count, business office staff confirm the amount and then make the deposit. This is a better accounting practice.

He reported that Bill Kehl and Hall Provence IV are close to establishing a contract with Karen Walker for use of church kitchen for her catering business.

Bradshaw, Gordon and Clinkscales have been signed to do the annual audit. You will see them around the Parish House soon.

Anne Arrington asked about the kitchen and rental property income in the Treasurer's report. Chris reported these are church numbers, not from Karen's personal business. The Kitchen and Property Lease income was separated several years ago to keep better track of these expenses. In the past, the kitchen ran a deficit for a while but Karen is a good manager who has put this ministry in the black.

April 17 and April 27-30 Vestry Meeting Minutes

The April 17, 2018, Vestry Meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting by email. A motion to accept the April Vestry Meeting minutes was made by George McCall and seconded by Cotton Clarke. All Vestry members voted in favor, none were opposed. The motion carried.

The April 27-30, 2018, minutes from the April 27-30, 2018, Email vote to approve the annual Parochial Report were distributed prior to the meeting by email. A motion to accept the April Email Vote minutes was made by Cotton Clarke and seconded by George McCall. All Vestry members voted in favor, none were opposed. The motion carried.

New Business

CCC Board Nominee

Vestry representative for Pastoral Care Kevin Mertens presented a motion for the Vestry to approve nominee Jana Lusk as Canterbury Counseling Center Board member. Her resume was sent via email to the Vestry prior to tonight's meeting. Jana works at United Ministries and thus fits well into the Community At Large position. Kevin moved that Jana Lusk be approved as CCC Board member. Anne seconded, and there was no discussion. All voted aye, none were opposed. The motion carried.

Committee/Team Reports

FIA: Anne gave kudos to Debbie Rice for the excellent job she did on the ECW Luncheon attended by more than 200! The luncheon headliner was a fantastic speaker whose topic was addressing homelessness. June 1 is the Partners in Agriculture Haiti fundraising event. If you can go, please sign up!

JGT: Betty thanked everyone who served at the Joyful Garden Tour. Kevin reported that 25 years ago today, he and Allison were married in the Wiper house garden! He asked the Vestry to thank her for being a good sport to attend the New Member Dinner tonight on this anniversary!

Restoration Sunday: Lauren thanked everyone who helped with the reception for Restoration Sunday. The only costs were nursery, music and cleaning the tablecloths. Having volunteers provide the food was a great way to promote engagement and save the church money. Dena thanked Helen and Lauren for accepting Harrison's ask to head up the event for which the Vestry agreed, during the January Vestry Retreat, not to spend non-budgeted funds.

101 Broadus: Harrison said the 101 Broadus closing was delayed, but no major problems have occurred.

Parish Administrator: Harrison reported that Suzanne Mize will join the staff as Parish Administrator June 4. He will shepherd her the first week of her employment. Bill Johnson's last day on staff is June 8.

Harrison closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM and the Vestry then attended the New Member Dinner in McCall and McKissick.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Cuddy