

**Christ Church Vestry Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**  
**5:30 pm**

**Attending:** Harrison McLeod (Rector), Dena Benedict (Senior Warden), Nelson Arrington (Junior Warden), Milton Bates, Betsy Elliott, Betty Parker Ellis (Secretary of the Vestry), Sam Erwin, Elizabeth Fletcher, Bill Hardaway, Dexter Hagy, Kay Jenkins, Nancy Kennedy, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor), Paul Landis, Gracen Miller (Youth Vestry Representative), Cecil Nelson (Chancellor), Cindy Poe, Reid Sherard, Elizabeth Saylor (Youth Vestry Representative), and Michelle Brown (Clerk of the Vestry).

**Absent:** Julie Haas, Martha Louise Lewis (new Vestry member)

**New Vestry Members** – Betsy Baumgardner, Norma Givens, Josh Hudson, (Secretary of the Vestry), Bryant Nixon, (Junior Warden), and Phil Peterson.

Meeting opened with prayer from the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod at 5:45pm.

Welcome to all of our newly elected Vestry members!

**MOTION:** Nelson Arrington made the motion to give seat and a voice to the new Vestry members at today's meeting. Milton Bates seconded the motion. No discussion. None opposed. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**Inviting to All – Kay Jenkins**

Kay began with a story about a parishioner named George. He looked unkempt and homeless, but always looked out for Christ Church. One day during an EYC event, George was outside serving as a greeter although no one knew who had asked him to do that. When Kay asked him if he would like to come in for something to eat, he said, "No, thank you. There were lots of youth going in and out who could get picked up by someone wanting to cause trouble." Kay realized that he didn't want to leave from the outside because he was looking out for those who were inside. She had thought of George as the one needing help, but instead he was offering his gift of watching over others.

Q: What happened to George?

A: He passed away in his 60s. His family has deep roots at Christ Church.

Q: Inreach/Outreach – same thing or different thing?

A: Inreach is for parishioners. Outreach is for the community.

A: Should be complementary

A: Someone doesn't need to be on the inside to need our help. Don't dismiss anybody.

Comments:

- George was an angel and angels are God's messengers.
- George knew who you were and had the gift to know people and relate in a personal way.
- There is no difference between George and us. We just mask it differently.

**Inviting to All – Reid Sherard**

Inviting is more than welcoming. We don't realize that others may see us differently than we see ourselves. We've invited people to visit, but have we really stepped out of our comfort zone?

Christ Church is blessed with worldly gifts, but we need to be vigilant in how we work with others. Not just talk about being inviting to all, but we need to do more. No one should be dismissed.

**Treasurer Report – Chris Klasing**

For the month of October, we're still running one month behind due to circumstances beyond our control. Hopefully we will catch up after the first of the year. It appears October is doing financially better than expected. We went negative on cash and had to borrow from operating reserves. This is temporary borrowing. End of year we will break even. Christ Church Preschool finished with a loss due to increasing salaries to retain staff. They are using their grant money from DHEC to maintain.

No questions.

**MOTION:** Paul Landis made a motion to approve an Endowment Draw of \$948. Reid Sherard seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Rector's Report – The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod**

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work. Thank you to the Vestry members rotating off and thank you to the new Vestry members.

**Senior Warden's Report – Dena Benedict**

Thanks for sweatpants, if you need more time since school is closed and they won't be delivered until after the first of the year you can bring them to my house or take them to Kevin's office. Thank you for filling out and returning the Hospitality 101 Worksheet. She will be working with Phil to look for ways to find understanding and incorporate hospitality into the ministry areas.

**Junior Warden's Report – Nelson Arrington**

Thank you to everyone. It has been a great two years.

**Minutes from November 15, 2022, Vestry Meeting**

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Fletcher made a motion to approve the November 15, 2022, minutes as presented. Cindy Poe seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

Dena thanked all who served and are moving off the Vestry, as well as to all those that remain. Thank you to Harrison and Nelson for their dedication and leadership and getting us through COVID. Great staff, too.

The time capsule has been put in place near baptismal font in Historic Church and marked as "Cornerstone, May 29, 1852, November 18, 2022." The goal is not to lose this one.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:15 pm.