

To love others as Christ loves us”
Christ Church Vestry Minutes
Christ Church
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Attending: Harrison McLeod (Rector), Bill Hardaway (Senior Warden), Nelson Arrington (Asst. Treasurer), Betsy Elliott, Betty Parker Ellis, Sam Erwin, Norma Givens, Julie Haas, Dexter Hagy, Kay Jenkins, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor), Paul Landis, Martha Louise Lewis, Cecil Nelson (Chancellor), Cindy Poe, Phil Peterson, and Rose Cuddy (Substituting for Clerk of the Vestry).

Not in Attendance: Betsy Baumgardner, Josh Hudson (Secretary of the Vestry), Bryant Nixon (Junior Warden)

Guests: Smyth McKissick IV, Angelle Reichert

The December Vestry meeting was held at The Rev. Dr. McLeod’s home, 336 Riverside Dr, and he and his wife, Jennifer, hosted the annual Vestry Christmas Party for Vestry members & spouses following the meeting.

Welcome & Prayer

Harrison McLeod, Rector, opened the meeting in prayer at 5:45 PM.

Harrison requested a motion to allow Smyth McKissick IV and Angelle Reichert, Vestry members elected to terms beginning January 1, 2024, and guests at tonight’s meeting, to have seat and voice at the December 2023 Vestry meeting.

Motion: Betty Parker Ellis made a motion for Smyth McKissick IV and Angelle Reichert, Vestry members elected to terms beginning January 1, 2024, to have seat and voice at the December 2023 Vestry meeting. Betsy Elliott seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, none were opposed. The motion passed.

Rector’s Report – Harrison McLeod

Harrison noted that

- We will undertake several strategic initiatives in 2024
- The 2024 Vestry Retreat will be held Friday-Saturday, February 9-10 in town. Details will be announced later. The retreat will not take the place of the regular February meeting.
- Vestry Ministry Area assignments will be made before the retreat
- He pointed Vestry members to the Christmas Eve Worship Schedule: 8:00 AM Eucharist will observe the fourth Sunday in Advent, following services will observe Christmas Eve.
- Ministry Area Goals will be presented at the January meeting

Senior Warden's Report – Bill Hardaway

- Bill reported that Junior Warden Bryant Nixon was not in attendance due to illness in family
- He thanked outgoing Vestry members and welcoming incoming Vestry members

Treasurer's Report – Chris Klasing

- Chris referred to the monthly Treasurer's report distributed earlier by email
- He said that November was not as good a month as usual, but he has good hopes for December
- Harrison noted we have 2.4 million in pledges for 2024 to date, so we are on track

Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2023

Chris Klasing asked, for clarity, to remove the second sentence in the second bullet point on page three in the minutes regarding his November report.

Motion: Paul Landis moved to accept the November 28, 2023, minutes as amended above. Sam Erwin seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

New Business

None

Committee/Team Reports

- Vestry members requested that Ministry Area Reports be sent individually since the combined Adobe pdf reports may require a subscription to view
- Betty Parker Ellis asked anyone interested in serving as a greeter on Christmas Eve to please let her know
- Bill Hardaway presented Harrison McLeod with a gift in thanks from the Vestry
- Norma Givens said the Worship Team is ready for this weekend's services

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:00 PM.