

*“To love others as Christ loves us”*

**Christ Church Vestry Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**5:00 pm**

**Attending:** Harrison McLeod (Rector), Bill Hardaway (Senior Warden), Bryant Nixon (Junior Warden), Nelson Arrington (Asst. Treasurer), Betsy Baumgardner, Betsy Elliott, Betty Parker Ellis, Sam Erwin, Norma Givens, Julie Haas, Josh Hudson, (Secretary of the Vestry), Kay Jenkins, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor)Paul Landis, Phil Peterson, Cindy Poe, Elizabeth Saylor (Youth Vestry Representative), and Michelle Brown (Clerk of the Vestry).

**Absent:** Martha Louise Lewis, Cecil Nelson (Chancellor)

**Zoom:** Dexter Hagy

The meeting was opened with prayer from the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod at 5:05pm.

**Ministry Area Update Challenges, Opportunities:**

Rev. Scott Fleischer, Associate Priest for Pastoral Care

Annette Cook, Director of Senior Adult Ministries

Lisa Hunt, Coordinator for Pastoral Care

- **Challenges & Opportunities**
  1. We have lost volunteers for various reasons; we are training new lay ministers.
  2. Eucharist Visitation training is done in-house.
  3. We offer Safe Church Training to all volunteers.
- **Technology**
  1. We actively work to help parishioners overcome technology barriers which prevent them from taking advantage of our digital content. They are taking advantage of YouTube, Christ Church website, and Eblasts to promote our programs.
  2. The Pastoral Care records are now in a live document that is accessible on the cell phone that enables the team to access important information whenever needed, wherever they are.
- **Transportation**
  1. There is no dedicated, reliable transportation to senior events.
- **Mid-Week Worship Fellowship**
  1. Following the Wednesday worship service refreshments are offered.
  2. Mary Beth Culberson, one of the volunteers, is a great resource for our seniors. Chantal Smith has sent newcomers to the service, since it is a good place for them to connect with others.
  3. We have been going to four local senior living facilities, offering services of Holy Eucharist, both in-reach for members and out-reach for residents.

Please let us know of any pastoral care needs you are aware of. We encourage you to participate in our offerings (Healing Service, Funeral Planning workshop, Lunch Bunch, etc.) Their vestry liaison is Betsy Elliott.

### **Rectors Report – Harrison McLeod**

- The Ministry area leaders are on track with their presentations. Jessica and Kristin have organized the group to make a uniformed presentation.
- The fall planning is underway, we're hoping the positive numbers carry over to the spring.
- Harrison asked the staff to think outside the box and offer new ideas to build relationships for the upcoming activities this year.
- The Creative Arts Camp is in full swing. Not all the children were from Christ Church, many of them came from different communities. This event was paid for outside of the budget because of the grant that was received from the South Carolina Arts Commission that Sarah and Donald applied for.
- We are continuing to work on the preschool expansion. Looking at ways to possibly add extra space for additional grade levels.
- Buses – we don't have the resources to purchase a single purpose bus. We are presently renting vans, which is more cost effective at this time. We also depend on volunteers.
- The wait list for preschool is about 600 with about 300 that have paid to be on the list. We can accommodate about 40 to 50 more students.
- There was talk about moving the 8am and the 5pm service to the church, but it has been decided to leave those services in the chapel.

### **Senior Warden – Bill Hardaway**

- Creative Arts Camp started this week with 140 kids from 8:30am to 5:00pm.
- Joleen accompanied students to Fort Myers for the Missions Trip.
- Monday Memo has useful information please read.
- No birthdays this month
- Thanks to Phil, Kay, Dexter, and Paul for their work.
- There are three sessions planned for the discernment process.
  - a. Listening – July 30<sup>th</sup> with lunch, led by Shannon Dew
  - b. History & Theology – Clergy
  - c. Core Values
- We are looking forward to having things completed by the end of August.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 1:30pm, Caroline Avinger will facilitate the Vestry and Leadership Team meeting. Lunch will be provided.

### **Junior Warden – Bryant Nixon**

- There has been progress on the Master Plan with the preschool.
- Brick repair in the cemetery is ongoing.
- Boiler repair is ongoing.
- No progress on parking lot yet.

## **Nominating Committee Recommendations for Vestry's approval:**

### **Motions:**

1. The Nominating Committee recommends the "open period" for solicitation of nominations be from Sunday, August 13, 2023, to Sunday, September 10, 2023.  
No discussion. All were in favor. None were opposed.
2. The Nominating Committee requests Vestry's approval for establishing electronic forms for receiving nominations as the Nominating Committee finds necessary or appropriate.  
No discussion. All in were in favor. None were opposed.

Since these motions come from a committee there is no need to second them.

### **Treasurer Report – Chris Klasing**

- April numbers were not very good.
- Mays was more or less neutral, small loss. Running behind on the revenue and pledges.
- June revenue caught up with about \$75,000 over budget for pledge revenue and \$68,000 over total revenue for June, which brought us within \$42,000 YTD pledge revenue, still under budget by \$40,000 with about \$64,000 under total revenue YTD end of June. The books are not closed for June yet, the books are scheduled for review next week.
- July quarterly statements go out.

Discussion took place.

- The audit is in progress. They are looking for a draft in early August.
- Summary was sent out with programs and how they are doing.
- There has been an inquiry about renting 101 Broadus with a proposal meeting on Friday.

Discussion took place.

Endowment Disbursement Request 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Motion:** Paul Landis made a motion to accept the Endowment Disbursement draw as presented. Betsy Elliott seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

June minutes will be voted on electronically.

### **New business**

No new business to discuss.

### **Committee/Team Reports**

Norma Givens – Liturgy & Music

Christmas in July service July 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Christmas favorites. Donald will allow people to submit hymns to sing.

Phil Peterson and Betty Parker Ellis – Facilities  
Showed samples of new signage for campus.

**Other Business:**

No other business updates.

**Devotion offered by Betty Parker Ellis**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:54 pm.