

“To love others as Christ loves us”

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 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, Dexter Hagy, Josh Hudson, (Secretary of the Vestry), Kay Jenkins, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Paul Landis, Phil Peterson, Cindy Poe, Elizabeth Saylor (Youth Vestry Representative), and Michelle Brown (Clerk of the Vestry).

Zoom: Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor), Martha Louise Lewis, Cecil Nelson (Chancellor)

The meeting was opened with prayer from the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod at 5:03pm.

Ministry Area Update Challenges, Opportunities:

Rev. Lindy Bunch, Associate Priest for Parish Life and Adult Formation - Reviewed 2022-2023 Programs/Offerings

Anne Green Buckner, Director of Family Ministries – Reviewed Special Events / Parish Life Events
Looking Forward to...

- Women’s Intergenerational Bible Study
- Marriage Ministry

Claudia Coleman, Engagement Coordinator

Goal: Strengthen community at Christ Church through personal invitation to events, programs, and worship.

Engagement Plan

Short term 2023

- Communicate the engagement initiative to the church.
 - Announce position and Claudia.
 - Solicit people interested in joining the team.
- Focus first on adults (all ages)
- Build initial engagement teams.
- Ask vestry and select existing committees to engage others.

Short term

- Adjust adult rollout as needed.
- Develop engagement strategies to help engagement teams.
- Expand engagement team model to other areas.
- Capture promotional content, such as quotes from parishioners.

Julie Haas and Kay Jenkins are their Vestry liaisons.

Study Group Update

- The purpose of the group was to learn what other parishes have gone through with respect to same sex marriage.
- An update was provided from discussion with other parishes and the information and recommendations received through that process.

A robust discussion and comments followed the update.

Motion: Norma Givens made a motion to include the elected Vestry, Treasurers, Chancellor's, Secretary, and Clergy in the two work sessions. Betsy Elliott seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with one opposed.

Betty Parker Ellis & Phil Peterson – Signage

- Our signage needs to reflect who we are.
- Adequate signage to welcome visitors is needed to identify our campus with directions on how to enter, how to move around, and where to park.

Rectors Report – Harrison McLeod

- The Parish is aware of the ongoing conversation regarding same sex marriage, a blurb went out last Thursday to let everyone know the work continues.
- Harrison will be out of town from June 18 until July 6, he is going to Scotland.

Senior Warden – Bill Hardaway

- Jim and Betsy Baumgardner have a wedding coming up.
- Wish Harrison and Jennifer safe travels to Scotland.
- Thank the staff for the BBQ lunch and the Robert Powell concert.
- Vestry members should take the time and attend a Staff and Music & Liturgy meeting.
- On August 1 there will be a meeting with Caroline Avinger (as facilitator) regarding ministry areas and priorities.
- The letters are still available to read.
- Thank you all for your time and patience as we go through these conversations.

Junior Warden – Bryant Nixon

- The old boiler system is gone, and the new system is in place.
- The Columbarium needs some work and cleaning.
- Working with the Preschool Expansion Committee. More to come later.

Treasurer Report – Chris Klasing

- April was not a good month financially, missed pledge income.
- May books have not been closed out yet.
- YTD May down about 9%
- Does not look like we will have problems by end of the year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cindy Poe made the motion to approve the May 16, 2023, minutes. Betty Parker Ellis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. None were opposed. Motion was approved.

Motion: Kay Jenkins made the motion to adopt the March 21, 2023, minutes as amended. Phil Peterson seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. None were opposed. Motion was approved.

New business

No new business to discuss.

Committee/Team Reports

Sam Erwin – Faith in Action

GOAL Justice by the numbers 2023

- 5 Christ Church Team Leaders
- 54 Christ Church Network Members
- 1500 attended Nehemiah Action from 20+ congregations in March.
- \$12,500 pledged by Christ Church Network members toward Investment Drive for \$75,000 GOAL

Betty Parker Ellis – New Members

- Thank you to all who came out to participate in the new members dinner. There were 65 who attended.

Norma Givens – Worship & Liturgy

- Thank you for supporting the concert for Robert Powell. Communications had repair work to do to put it on You-tube.

Other Business:

No other business to discuss.

Devotion offered by Cindy Poe

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:15 pm.