

“To love others as Christ loves us”

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 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, Norma Givens, Julie Haas, Dexter Hagy, Kay Jenkins, Chris Klasing (Treasurer), Wade Kolb (Asst. Chancellor), Paul Landis, Martha Louise Lewis, Gracen Miller (Youth Vestry Representative), Cecil Nelson (Chancellor), Phil Peterson, Cindy Poe, Elizabeth Saylor (Youth Vestry Representative), and Michelle Brown (Clerk of the Vestry).

Absent: Sam Erwin, Josh Hudson, (Secretary of the Vestry)

The meeting was opened with prayer from the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod at 5:01pm.

Gracen Miller and Elizabeth Saylor spent their last evening as Youth Vestry Representatives and were presented gifts from the Vestry as they go off to college. They spent time on the board as Youth Vestry Representatives from fall of 2022 to summer of 2023.

Ministry Area Update Challenges, Opportunities:

Director of Resource Development – Kristin Bennett

Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications – Jessica St. Clair Smith

Jessica and Kristin work hand-in-hand to develop an authentic, strategic, and holistic brand story to grow ministry at Christ Church. This is accomplished through collaborative discussion, a critical look at competitor church messaging and materials, and reaction to audience consumption. They are also using this story to attract future members of Christ Church.

Rectors Report – Harrison McLeod

- At last month’s vestry meeting we thought Henry Thomas, would be joining our grounds staff. Unfortunately, it did not work out. We will keep you updated.
- Sarah Marczynski and Donald Duncan (Music & Liturgy) were awarded a grant for two-years in the amount of \$42,000 for the Creative Arts Camp from the South Carolina Arts Commission.
- Bill will talk about the budget and priorities process for this year.
- The attendance and participation for May has been strong for worship and Sunday School.
- Staff has begun work on fall programming.

Senior Warden – Bill Hardaway

- Birthdays for the month of May are Bill Hardaway, Wade Kolb, and Dexter Hagy.
- Thank you to Chantal Smith and Kevin Mertens for Discovery Weekend, which was very well attended. There were 45 participants that included newcomers, volunteers, and staff.

- Leadership staff will be focusing on a metric dashboard that would create a way to measure each ministry's impact. This is still being discussed with leadership and lay leaders.
- Budget work begins in August. Bill passed out a handout that included the budget review process and the priorities which include the staff and vestry.
- Nelson will go over the budget process and priorities which helps the Leadership Team.

Nelson Arrington – Assistant Treasurer

- Nelson reviewed The Revised Budget Process which was passed out during the meeting.

Junior Warden – Bryant Nixon

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Jim, and Kevin will have a meeting regarding the boiler work.
- We are temporarily back to grounds service with New Leaf for about 6-8 weeks to assist in keeping up with the church yard.
- A discussion for the Master Plan is underway. We will be asking the Building Task Force from last year to come back for more dialog on what is needed for renovations.

Treasurer Report – Chris Klasing

- February Pledge Income and Total Budget revenue was off.
- March is on budget.
- Preschool was pretty much on budget.
- Looks like April revenues are down. As soon as more is known, an update will go out.
- Keeping a close eye on May's budget.
- Changes are being made to the property insurance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Kay Jenkins made the motion to adopt the April 18, 2023, minutes as corrected changing the Confirmands from 18 adults to 14 and from 13 children to 4. Phil Peterson seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Motion: Norma Givens made the motion to adopt the March 21, 2023, minutes as amended to say, "Former Wardens who are active Christ Church members elected since 2008 and current Christ Church Clergy". Betsy Elliott seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

February minutes will be sent out electronically for 100% participation vote.

New business

- Harrison McLeod and Bill Hardaway will be out of town on the regularly scheduled meeting day on June 20, 2023. Harrison is asking if everyone will agree to having the meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:00pm instead. All agreed.

Bill Hardaway presented the Nominating & Elections Committee slate that includes new appointments for the committee.

Rector Appointment for two-year term (2023,2024):

Spence Taylor appointed by Harrison McLeod

Senior Warden appointment for two-year term (2023-2024):

Derek Lewis appointed by Bill Hardaway

Junior Warden appointed for two-year term (2023-2024):

Malia Dunn appointed by Bryant Nixon

Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden appointments for one year term (2023):

Betsy Elliott (retiring Vestry member in December 2023)

Norma Givens (continuing Vestry member after 2023)

Motion: Bill Hardaway made the motion to accept and approve the Nominating & Elections Committee slate as stated. Julie Haas seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Committee/Team Reports

Norma Givens – Worship

A Summer Worship & Music Series at Christ Church 2023 schedule was passed out that will begin Sunday, May 28 until Sunday, August 6.

Martha Louise Lewis – CCEP and CCES

Christ Church Schools are doing fine, and you may invite anyone to come and partake of any of the services.

Betsy Baumgardner – Faith Development

Faith Development has been holding meetings for the Children’s Ministry to see what went well last year and what needs improvement for next year.

Other Business:

Study Group Update:

- Met with two different churches and their clergy to determine if they have valuable information.
- Want to speak with individuals who were with their church for a while.
- The entire study group attended the meetings.
- A meeting will be coming up on Thursday and another one will take the group out of town.
- The goal is to learn as much as they can about their experiences.

The documents are being prepared for the Vestry viewing and will be available for 3 weeks once it has been completed. Appointments will need to be made to view in the office only.

Devotion offered by Julie Haas

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:10 pm.