

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday April 12, 2023

Present: Fr. Peter Ackerman, Brandon Frawley, Sara Frawley, John Deatricks, Paul Nelson, George Kennett, Lynne Redmond

Not Present: Keith Owens, Brenda Monshower, Bob Donaldson, Julie Burch, Barbara Drumgoole, Susan Tyner, Karen Owens

Recording Person: Peter Ackerman+

1. Call to Order: Fr. Peter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer, and a quorum was present.
2. Vestry Minutes: The minutes from the March 8, 2022 vestry meeting were accepted.
3. Junior Warden's report: Brandon presented his report. He made a motion to accept a bid to get new blinds for the Parish Hall. The bid is \$2600, which is going to be reimbursed to the church by two families of the parish. Lynne seconded. The motion passed.
4. Rector's report: Fr. Peter presented his report. He spoke about the importance of the church office being in on conversations and choices around dates, etc. before events are advertised. The vestry agreed to help parishioners be mindful about texting the parish administrator after her work hours. The rector will pass along the suggestion that she text parishioners less, so that they do not feel invited to text her when a question arises. Fr. Peter answered questions around the reasoning for the upcoming alterations to the user contracts. There was agreement that if we are going to make the income from the hall a priority, that it might be reasonable to put in a parishioner increase if only to offer the incentive for them to calculate their time needs. Fr. Peter mentioned he did not want to lose the sense of family that we are at Christ Church, when it comes to using "our" hall, however there was agreement that if "income" was a priority, these minor adjustments were reasonable. Additionally, the vestry made suggestions so that the persons getting the parishioner rates are actually the parishioners themselves. While Fr Peter spoke about the benefits of turning the website into a "calling card" with important information on the first page, and links to the Facebook and YouTube pages, it was brought to his attention that "giving" button does not work for those people who use Safari. He will also leave the scheduling a mutual ministry review for our next meeting.
5. New Business:
 - a. Realm – While all appreciate the efforts by Bob D. and the parish administrator to get this system going, some feel that it may not be the system for us. There is some frustration over the fact that as an older church we do not have people whose information is accessible through the app. What the vestry agreed upon was to focus on getting the directory up and running before trying to use the "sign ups." Sara F. is willing to help, but not head a committee. She feels that as

needs arise for projects related to Realm, we might again go to the congregation and ask for specific assistance from those persons interested.

- b. Chalice with Pour Spout – this idea is tabled for next month. One vestry member believes that parishioners are less wary about touching lips to a chalice, but the liquid, and pouring that liquid into cups might not be accepted. The rector let them know that this manner of communion (pouring out of a chalice that others have sipped from) is accepted by the congregation he knows of that uses it. Fr. Peter feels this decision should be made when more members are present.
 - c. Move Vestry Meetings – Those present felt that the idea to move to Tuesdays was a good one. Buildings and Grounds affirms the idea for them as well. Fr. Peter wants a majority of vestry members to weigh in, before we vote to move those meetings.
6. Previous Items
- a. Rectory Fireplace – Donnie was by the rectory today and confirmed that the whole interior of the chimney is not in good shape. The dampener was damaged some time ago and that also needs the work. Donnie will work with Buildings and Grounds, and do some research, to see if the repair is a project that he can handle, before we revisit the bid offered by a chimney repair company.
 - b. Annual Calendar – Fr Peter admitted to typos that were on the agenda, and that the information to know was that the Yard Sale is on June 17th.
7. Grace and Gratitude: The gathered shared a round of Grace and Gratitude. On behalf of the Vestry, Fr Peter gave John Deatrick an Hour by Hour prayer book, for which he was grateful. Sara F will present it to him in front of the congregation at 10am Morning Prayer this Sunday.
8. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Owens, Registrar