

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday March 8, 2023

Present: Fr. Peter Ackerman, Keith Owens, Brandon Frawley, Brenda Monshower, Sara Frawley, Bob Donaldson, John Deatruck, Julie Burch, Barbara Drumgoole, Susan Tyner, Karen Owens, and Shelby Oppermann. Present by phone: Paul Nelson
Not Present: George Kennett, Lynne Redmond

1. Call to Order: Fr. Peter called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. with a prayer.
2. A motion passed to suspend the vote from last month's meeting on charities to benefit from the Strawberry Festival. Shelby spoke about the origins of the festival and its long history of connecting with and supporting our community.
3. Vestry Minutes: The minutes from the February 8, 2022 vestry meeting were accepted with a change of the charities to benefit from the Strawberry Festival: ACTS (A Community That Shares), Clements Cuties, and Hospice of St. Mary's.
4. Rector's report: Fr. Peter distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday at the Chaptico Market, the Chaptico post office, and at two well attended services at church that day. He spoke at the Leonardtown Rotary Club. The Diocese encourages priests in new calls and the lay leadership to develop a job description so there is a mutually agreed upon set of responsibilities that can be used at the Mutual Ministry Review this November. Fr. Peter met with the volunteer coordinator at the hospital and is considering joining as a hospital chaplain. A collaborative Easter vigil sunrise service will be held at the Ruddy Duck in Callaway, MD, and he is participating. There were two funerals/burials this month, with two services each. He will be performing a wedding in September and will be do the pre-marital work with them, and possibly with another couple whose wedding he is not performing. The senior warden has suggested that Fr. Peter takes the Sunday after Easter off, which the vestry agreed with, and the vestry will help to make sure that Morning Prayer is covered by laypersons.
5. Junior Warden's Buildings and Grounds Report: Brandon Frawley reported that the parish hall septic tank clean out is scheduled for 3/13. A thermostat in the church failed and was replaced under warranty, and the labor cost (not covered) was \$199. The Buildings and Grounds committee is working on getting another inspection of the rectory chimney. Greg Penk is stepping down as the B&G committee secretary, and they are looking for a volunteer to take over.
6. Treasurer's Report: Bob Donaldson reviewed the Statement of Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Summary of Restricted Net Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows. Diocesan giving was \$10,500 last year, shall we give the same this year? A motion passed to pay the same Giving to the diocese. REALM: very few members have created their REALM password and logged in, and therefore have not opted in to the parish directory. The vestry decided to opt everyone in to the directory, and Sara will speak at church and let everyone know they can opt out verbally by telling any vestry member over the next few weeks. They will have a printed copy of the directory so that folks can make any needed updates to their directory information.

7. New Business:
 - a. The next vestry meeting in April is the week after Easter; typically a slower week in the office, but it was decided to keep the vestry meeting on April 12th.
 - b. At the Celebration of New Ministry on 3/25, a collection is usually taken. There is not a hard policy on where that money should go, but we should decide so we can put it in the bulletin for that service. A motion passed to collect for the food pantry at Church of the Ascension.
 - c. Are we doing a confirmation class this year? Fr. Peter has a few names of people that are interested. He will find out when it is scheduled next at the Cathedral.
 - d. Annual calendar review: there are two blank months in June and July. A date was chosen for a church Blue Crabs game and tailgate – Saturday, July 22nd.
 - e. Bishop Marianne expressed an interest in attending our next strawberry festival date in 2024. A possible date is May 19, 2024; we will run that by Shelby for her buy-in before we publish.
 - f. John Deatruck is moving to Ohio and his last Sunday with us will be April 16th.
8. Grace & Gratitude: The meeting adjourned with Grace and Gratitude at 7:59 p.m. with the traveler's prayer for John Deatruck, at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Owens, Registrar