

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday December 14, 2022

Present: Fr. Peter Ackerman, Keith Owens, Brad Reeves, Sara Frawley, Lynn Burton, Dave Hudson, Bob Donaldson, Brandon Frawley, John Deatrick, Lynne Redmond, and Susan Tyner.
Not Present: Dottie McCubbin, Julie Burch, Paul Nelson and Karen Owens

1. Vestry Member Check In: Vestry members had time to check in with each other.
2. Call to Order: Fr. Peter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
3. Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer.
4. Vestry Minutes: The November 9, 2022 vestry minutes were accepted.
5. Treasurer's report – Brad Reeves and Bob Donaldson: The Balance sheet and Income v. Expense reports were reviewed.
6. Treasurer's financial reports thru REALM – Bob Donaldson: 2022 pledges received have surpassed the expected amount and the unpledged amount has been positive. Expenses have been higher than expected as well. The surplus has disappeared with the stolen checks, unbudgeted moving expenses, and other expenses that were higher than planned. The 2023 budget of \$200k/yr moved to \$223k/yr with the hope of increased pledges in the coming year. We need a discussion for expense control and cost overrun control. Our budget in 2023 will be tight. Future credit card transactions will be tracked real time vice end of the month. The Realm system was discussed; profile and demographic information is important.
7. Junior Warden's Report – Brandon Frawley: The cabinets are in progress and we hope to have them finished by the end of the year. Taylor Gas worked on the commercial range; a second safety valve and one burner control of eight need to be replaced, at a total cost of approx..\$1k. A motion to approve that expense passed. The rectory chimney inspection determined that work is needed, and So. MD Hearth is providing a second quote on the fire box. No fireplace use at present. The septic tank was pumped, and the parish hall tank may need to be pumped. The rectory master bath wallpaper removal and painting will start Dec. 15th. Furnaces in all buildings will be serviced on January 4th.
8. Senior Warden's Report – Keith Owens: The annual parish meeting will be held on January 15th at 1:00 pm, after a potluck lunch. Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, and Brenda Monshower have agreed to be on the vestry. Approval for the painting by Dean Painting in the rectory was obtained by the vestry via email. (They will also paint the hall in the future at a low cost to us.)
9. Rector's Report – Fr. Peter Ackerman:
 - a. Connecting to the wider community – Fr. Peter toured the wider St. Mary's county area with retired Rev. John Ball and met with various community members, including local funeral home directors and Sheriff Hall.
 - b. He met with Bishop Marianne at the Diocesan offices. They are looking at dates for an upcoming installation service.

- c. “Tending Our Soil” is on our agenda to discuss next month. We have been invited to engage in this program. It focuses on the congregation getting to know themselves and the community around them and then building goals from that work.
 - d. Cemetery burial protocol / fees – The Finance committee will recommend updated numbers for cemetery fees.
 - e. Vestry retreat – The vestry will have a morning retreat on Saturday, January 21.
 - f. A monthly vestry summary report to the congregation was discussed, that may help the congregation get a better sense of the business that is discussed during each vestry meeting.
 - g. Birthdays and anniversaries will go on the prayer page in the bulletin in the new year. After the Peace is exchanged during the service, people will be invited to come forward.
 - h. 2024 Rector Retreat – Fr. Peter accepted an invitation to attend the Credo conference in May 2024 in Richmond, VA. This will foster wellness and wholeness in all levels, and the grant he got for the retreat will cover the cost.
 - i. Safe Place/Practices training for the Vestry: Praesidium Academy – Our next vestry will need to watch this video training, keeping a “safe church for all.”
 - j. Fr. Dan Darko will be joining Fr. Peter at the December 18th services.
 - k. Angel Tree results: We helped bring Christmas to 48 children this year through the program.
 - l. Tabernacle – Fr. Peter had a discussion with Stephen Hunt about the recent moving of the tabernacle.
10. Announcements: Keith Owens is participating in a Viability Assessment for All Saints Episcopal Church, Oakley Parish in Avenue.
11. New Business:
- a. Staff Holiday Bonuses were discussed and are not in the budget this year.
 - b. Our next meeting will be after the annual meeting on January 15th, 1:00 potluck preceding. There will not be a meeting on January 11th.
12. The meeting adjourned with Grace and Gratitude at 8:00 with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Owens, Registrar