

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 15, 2023

- 1) Fr. Peter called the annual meeting of Christ Church to order at 1:19 p.m. The meeting opened with a prayer. A quorum was established.
- 2) A motion passed to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2022 annual meeting as presented.
- 3) We have three vestry positions to fill and three people running. A motion to vote on a slate of candidates passed. The three new vestry candidates were presented and elected on a slate: Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, and Brenda Monshower. A motion to accept Keith Owens as delegate and Laura Rocheleau as an alternate delegate for the 2024 Diocesan Convention passed.
- 4) Outgoing vestry members Dottie McCubbin, Dave Hudson, and Lynn Burton were recognized. Brad Reeves was also recognized; he was co-treasurer this past year and has stepped back and Bob Donaldson is treasurer. Fr. Peter thanked Cecelia Owens for her work with streaming the 10:00 service.
- 5) Rector's report: Fr. Peter expressed his appreciation to the search committee and thanked Keith Owens and Brandon Frawley, who have agreed to continue on as Senior and Junior wardens. He discussed priestly duties and vestry duties. Thanks to Donnie Morgan for being the Diocesan Convention delegate last year and also again later this month for the 2023 convention. Thanks to Jenni Groht for the amazing work she does for this parish in just 20 hours a week. There is room for parishioners to help out with whatever we decide to do as a parish. Thanks to Marcus Thompson and his lay ministry. Fr. Dan has an open invitation, to attend services and to participate in celebrating the Eucharist. Fr. Peter is grateful to all the people that have made him, Marie and Harry feel at home since before day one.
- 6) Senior Warden's Report: Keith Owens thanked the altar guild for all they do to keep our sanctuary beautiful. He thanked Keith Loker for leading the search committee, and thanked the committee for all the work they did to bring us Fr. Peter. He also thanked Keith Loker for being the unpaid music director for the past two years. Thanks go to Donnie Morgan, Mark Topolski, David Simmons and Brad Reeves for grass cutting this past year. He thanked Brad Reeves for his many years of service as Treasurer. Upcoming events: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Feb. 21 and Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22. The St. Patrick's Day dinner on Mar. 18 is a great time; invite your friends. A Spring work day will be scheduled soon; please lend a hand if you can, to spruce things up for Easter on April 9th. Sunday May 21st is the Strawberry Festival. He is looking forward to this year and the things we can do as a parish.

- 7) Junior Warden's Report: Brandon Frawley is honored to hold this position and be a part of the long history of this church, and will do his best to serve the church well. He recognized the Buildings and Grounds committee: Mark Topolski, Donnie Morgan, Greg Penk, John Deatrick, Herbie Redmond, Bob Donaldson and Dave Hudson. These are the folks that get the projects done. The B&G committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month, and anyone is welcome to join (ladies, also!) - see Brandon, they can use your help. The commercial oven in the hall was inspected, yielded repairs, and is now easier and safer to use. The HVAC was just inspected and a motor will be replaced. There are some deficiencies in the rectory chimney that need to be repaired. The upstairs bathroom at the rectory had some mold remediated. The church yard floodlights were rehabilitated by Keith Loker. There is a new solar light on the flag pole in the cemetery. There is a new sound system in the church; there is better sound while in church and also while streaming services. Wifi was installed in church, and security cameras in the church and parish hall. The ramp at church was put in with Randy Guy and his crew (they didn't want any recognition but he's recognizing them now). It looks like it belongs there. The cabinets are being built by Donnie Morgan for the back of the church. We will be replacing the church sign, and are working on the design now. He gave a big thank you again for the folks that do the yard maintenance. We will continue the handicap ramp into the church, to get into the sanctuary. One last major project is the repair and rehabilitation of the stained glass windows in the church. They have several quotes, and will be presenting those to the vestry. It will cost a lot, but we can spread the project and the cost over approx. 5 years. Last thing: Dave Hudson worked tirelessly as Junior warden until August and then after Brandon took over the role, Dave started working harder. Many thanks go to Dave.
- 8) Treasurer's Report: Bob Donaldson went over the high points of the 2022 Income and Expense Report. Attendance and income were down because of Covid, but the good news is that without a full time priest it was significantly cheaper. We received generous donations by parishioners for cabinets in the back of the church, for the Angel Tree, and in some cases the expenses for those projects overran the budgeted amount. It is projected that we will be over budget, with the majority going towards salaries, but going forward we have to make sure we keep our expenses in check and the vestry will need to keep an eye on that. He encouraged everyone to turn in their pledge cards if they haven't already, and bring in new parishioners if we can. Much of the endowment is inaccessible; it was given with the understanding that we only use the earnings. This is the first time we are having to use the endowment money, and hopefully we can stop doing that soon.
- 9) Endowment Report: Brad Reeves reported that the endowment was down by years end last year, but it is turning around and our revenues should increase. In 2020-2021, we spent a little over \$10k for repairs to the church. He thanked the members of the Finance committee: Bob Donaldson, Herbie Redmond, Paul Nelson, and John Colton.
- 10) New Business / Q&A:
 - a) March 25th (tentatively scheduled): Celebration of New Ministry with the bishop.

- b) Q: Is bible study in the plans? Fr. Peter is still getting his rhythm and Lenten activities are not scheduled yet; looking for feedback on this idea.
- c) Q: How does the church feel about non-vestry members attending vestry meetings? All vestry meetings are public meetings; you are allowed and welcome to show up, you just can't vote. If anyone ever has any concerns, please bring them up to any vestry member (names are on the back of the bulletin).
- d) Robbie Loker talked about the WARM program. We are partnering with Holy Angels Church in Avenue and Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood to participate in the WARM program (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many), helping the homeless population in the coldest months. In this program, 15 individuals are housed at a church overnight and fed. Our job is minimal, including collecting and washing towels, which Patti and John Harhai are doing. The next week we will be collecting the sheets and blankets to wash, and still need volunteers for that. Dan Donahue also said they are looking for drivers to drive the county vehicle to take the individuals to and from the churches.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Owens, Registrar