

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday June 14, 2023

Present: Fr. Peter Ackerman, Keith Owens, Brandon Frawley, Brenda Monshower, Bob Donaldson, Sara Frawley, Lynne Redmond, Barbara Drumgoole, Susan Tyner, George Kennett, Paul Nelson, Julie Burch, Karen Owens and Brad Reeves.

1. Call to Order: Fr. Peter called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. with a prayer, and a quorum was present.
2. Vestry Minutes: The minutes from the May 10, 2023 vestry meeting were accepted with changes.
3. Rector's report: Fr. Peter presented his report. Along with Fr. Peter, the Tending Our Soil Team includes Sara Frawley, Robbie Loker, Donnie Morgan, Marianne Oliver, David Simmons and Amy Topolski. Fr. Peter will change his Sabbath Day from Monday to Friday.
4. Junior Warden's report: Brandon presented the Buildings and Grounds report. There will be a rectory inspection to coincide with the mutual ministry review in November, to look for anything in the rectory that needs to be fixed. The simple church sign has been ordered, and a motion to simplify the sign passed. MD Environmental Services inspected our storm water management system and noted a few inconsistencies. The B&G committee has a plan to fix everything and there will be another inspection. There will not be a B&G meeting in July.
5. Treasurer's report: Bob Donaldson presented the Statement of Activities, Statement of Financial Position, Summary of Restricted Net Assets, and Statement of Cash Flows.
6. Finance Committee Report – Bob Donaldson: The diocese recommends two potential sources of income for the rector's discretionary fund; one is to take at least one Sunday's loose plate offerings, or set a budgeted amount. We have been budgeting \$2,500 a year for the discretionary fund, but unused funds are not carried over that way from year to year. Per the Church Pension Group, that money can be deposited into and disbursed from the general operating account, or it can be in a separate checking account opened in the church's name. The Finance Committee thinks it is better to create a separate account, and that would also give Fr. Peter a debit card to access the discretionary fund. \$2,500 would still be budgeted and moved over to the separate account every year. A motion to establish a new account and to fund the account using the last two years' worth of discretionary items passed.
Chuck Rosenfeld of Morgan Stanley provided an update on how the investments are doing in the market.
Re: the large amount of money in the checking account, the Finance Committee recommended to move some cash to a preferred savings account at Morgan Stanley. Money can be moved between accounts easily. A motion to move all but approximately \$12,000 from the checking account to the preferred savings account passed.

7. The Cemetery policy was presented by Brad Reeves. Many felt that the proposed price increases were not enough. Brad will get more comparisons and we will discuss again in August.
8. New Business:
 - a. There will be no July vestry meeting, and we will meet again in August.
 - b. Directory – A motion to print some hard copies of the directory at a cost of \$63 passed.
 - c. Yard sale – We need to clean up immediately after to prepare for the hall rental that afternoon.
 - d. T-shirts – We will offer a sign-up sheet for church t-shirts and polo shirts, to be purchased from Chesapeake Embroidery, using the same design from several years ago.
9. Previous items for updates:
 - a. Parish calendar – The vestry hosted August ice cream social will be after church on 8/20. Sara Frawley will organize.
10. Grace and Gratitude: The gathered shared a round of Grace and Gratitude.
11. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Owens, Registrar