

Christ Episcopal Church, King and Queen Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025

Present: Fr. Peter Ackerman, Barbara Drumgoole, Mike Oliver, Diana Donahue, George Kennett, Robbie Loker, Donnie Morgan, Jr. Warden, Greg Penk, Sr. Warden and Shelby Oppermann

Not present: Brenda Monshower Bob Donaldson Treasurer,

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:** A motion by Greg Penk, seconded by Mike Oliver resulted in a vote to approve minutes from the February 18, 2025, meeting.
3. **Tending Our Soil Update:** David Simmons of the TOS team reported that the focus is on ways to expand the current ministries. An example of this was the Greeters Refresher Meeting held on February 23.
4. **Rector's report:** Fr. Peter presented his report.
 - Reminded the vestry of a 4-week Lenten Class on Wednesdays beginning March 12.
 - Fr. Peter spent time to elaborate on the vestry's responsibility when witnessing disrespectful behavior by parishioners. Fr. Peter offered ways to counter the behavior by lovingly correcting the individual or to invite the person to bring their thoughts, concerns and opinions to him as there may be something he can learn, or a piece of information that they are missing that he can provide. If the individual should balk at that, offer to go with them to see Fr. Peter. We were reminded that we do good work as a parish, attracting new people and families. Public disrespect to the clergy and staff has the potential to chase new members and staff away.
5. **Junior Warden's report:** Donnie announced Parish Workday is Saturday April 12. Parish Hall workday is March 22.
6. **Treasurer's report:** In the Treasurer's absence no report was presented. Vestry members were sent updated financials electronically by the Treasurer on March 6.
7. **New Members Incorporation:** Diana Donahue reported that her group had been unable to meet since the last vestry meeting.

New Business

1. **Building and Grounds Committee** – the Junior Warden has collected estimates from other trash removal companies. Building and Grounds will review these and make a recommendation to the vestry at a later time. The committee presented these estimates. It was noted that they are still being reviewed by this committee and will require consultation with the Treasurer before a recommendation is made to the Vestry.
2. **Strawberry Festival Overview** – With Shelby Oppermann as the Team Leader for the Strawberry Festival, certain aspects of the event were discussed, and responsibilities clarified such as cleaning of the hall after the event and collecting of funds now that we have a Square Reader and iPad.
3. **Unlocking of Church Office Entry Door Sunday Mornings** – a parishioner made this request as those bathrooms were preferred rather than using the Necessary in the church graveyard. The Vestry recommended the door to be unlocked effective March 16. Fr. Peter would take care of the unlocking. Arrangements would be made to have the door locked by noon each Sunday. It was felt that in most cases this could be done by the collection counters. A more formal schedule of responsible parties (in the event of Fr. Peter's absence or counters not counting on Sunday) will be developed.

4. **Approve Pantry Sign** - a sign will be posted by the Vestry to remind users to clean all items when putting them back, if it is food, to put it in a Tupperware container. These practices will help in deterring critters and rodents. A motion to post a sign was moved by Donnie Morgan and seconded by George Kennett and approved by the Vestry.
5. **Praesidium Academy** – Jenni will be sending an email to each vestry member with a link to register and enroll in online modules mostly concerned with child and adult safety. These classes are required by the Diocese every 3 years.

Previous Items for Updates

1. **Cemetery** – No report as Bob Donaldson was not present.
2. **Updated Ministries List** – Barbara Drumgoole reported that work continues and that she will be collaborating with Sarah Frawley to finalize.
3. **Annual Calendar** – Latest version was shared at the meeting. Some additions were recommended and will be added and distributed at next month's meeting.
4. **WARM Ministry** – Participation by Christ Church was greatly appreciated by the host site, Holy Angels-Sacred Heart. 16 of our members served in various ways. Fr. Peter was contacted by the HA-SH representative Tammy Pilkerton who extended their appreciation as many of their usual volunteers had become ill, moved or physically unable to help.
5. **Basement Rental Readiness Project** – Discussion continued about the progress and priority of work to be done, especially in the event the church is approached by an entity looking for classroom space. The vestry was also reminded that a business plan would need to be developed before the church would contract with any entity for use of the basement.
6. **Grace and Gratitude/ Lord's Prayer** The gathered shared a round of Grace and Gratitude.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robbie Loker, Acting Registrar