

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL VESTRY MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Present were:

Michael Thompson, Sr. Warden
Nancy Poston, Jr. Warden
John Barnes
Ray Barney
Laura Eichenberger
Joel King
Seth Sizer
Danese Sizer, Clerk

Absent were:

Jim Hatley, Treasurer
Barbara Arthur

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Sr. Warden Michael Thompson. John Barnes opened the meeting with the Search Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. The first order of business was the discussion of two proposed weddings at Christ Church. The first came to the attention of the church via a letter written by the bride's family, Stuart and Vicki James, while Fr. David Cobb was still interim rector. The James family are not currently members of Christ Church, but their letter states that they have requested their membership be moved from St. Timothy's. The wedding is scheduled for May 18th, will have 80-100 invited guests, and they will be using Fr. Erick Broeren, from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Copper Hill and Southside Abbey to perform the ceremony. Discussion followed as to what would be involved and the responsibilities of the church in a venue of this nature. Nancy Poston agreed to talk with the cleaning company to ascertain their fees for wedding cleanup. Michael Thompson and the Sizers both knew the James and recommended that the vestry give their approval to move forward. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Ms. Sizer volunteered to gather wedding customaries from other churches for vestry review and to act as the Christ Church's wedding coordinator until a priest is in place. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Ms. Sizer was asked to contact Mrs. James. The second wedding request was from Nina Deschryver, who is currently the church nursery worker and new confirmand. Her proposed marriage is June 1st. Ms. Sizer will contact her to get details. There was a request from parishioner Jewell Cousin to use the parish hall for a family reunion luncheon on February 16th. The vestry agreed there was no problem with a member in good standing being allowed to do this as long as they return the hall in the condition in which they found it.

Mr. Thompson then directed everyone's attention to the business of the search committee and the scheduling of future meetings and interviews with proposed candidates. He asked everyone to write down the days they would not be available. Each member provided this information and Ms. Sizer consolidated and marked these on a calendar for future reference. He stated he would contact the two vestry members not in attendance to gather dates from them. He stressed the serious commitment of each member to the search process and the time commitment involved. He reinforced the statement from the Rev. Michelle Bolt, Canon to the Ordinary, that once the search committee began interviewing, if any member, for any reason, was unable to attend a candidate interview, they would not be allowed to continue with the interview process and would be denied a vote in the final decision process. Everyone agreed with this decision. Mr. Thompson asked Ms. Poston to send

the final copy of the church history to the diocese. It was brought to the attention of the vestry that Mary Ellen Burton Yates, daughter of the Yates Foundation benefactors, had passed away on January 27th. The vestry asked Ms. Sizer to send an orchid to granddaughter Happy Yates Baker with the church's condolences.

There being no further business to come before the vestry, the meeting was adjourned to begin search committee business. Ms. Sizer closed the meeting with prayer for the church and vestry as they begin their work in search for a new priest. The next meeting of the vestry is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danese E. Sizer, Clerk