

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL VESTRY MINUTES JULY 18, 2019

Present were:

Michael Thompson, Sr. Warden

Nancy Poston, Jr. Warden

Jim Hatley, Treasurer

Barbara Arthur

Ray Barney

Laura Eichenberger

Joel King

Seth Sizer

Danese Sizer, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Fox Hall by Sr. Warden Michael Thompson. The meeting began by singing Hymn 180. Mr. Thompson introduced The Rev. Lou Parsons and the board of directors of Canterbury Campus Ministry who were in attendance. Each person introduced themselves and their role, including Ms. Barney's grandson who was visiting. Mr. Thompson handed each a flyer created by the Rev. Canon Michelle Bolt advertising the Christ Church position of rector and campus minister. He stated that Canon Bolt was working on our behalf to interview candidates and this process began in late April. He assured everyone that efforts to find the right person were continuing by the Diocese. Rev. Parsons added that Canon Bolt was previously the Campus Minister at the University of Tennessee campus and understood the job requirements

Mr. Thompson assured the board of the support of Christ Church to make the UTC campus ministry successful. Ms. Parsons announced a student kickoff event to be held in the Christ Church parking lot on Sunday, August 18th, the day prior to the beginning of classes on the 19th. It will be an outdoor picnic for students with hot dogs and hamburgers. The campus ministry has tents, grills and other items needed. They would like to use the tables and chairs from the parish hall. They will also plan the games and activities offered. Set up will begin at 3:00 p.m. and they will begin cooking at 5:00. There will be a sign to 'Welcome Back UTC' students. They asked Christ Church to provide side dishes and to invite people from the church to serve. Ms. Parsons will coordinate details with Audrey Workman Johnson, chair of the Christ Church Outreach Committee. Students will be invited to return to Christ Church the following Monday for dinner and a student worship service. This will be a weekly Monday event, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the service from 7:00-8:00. Church secretary, Kathlyn Wender, will put an announcement in the weekly newsletter. She and Ms. Poston will work together on fans to hand out to the students advertising the Episcopal Student Ministry. Although the campus ministry will not have a regular priest by this time, all agreed with the importance of helping the ministry get off to a good start.

Jr. Warden Nancy Poston informed the group of our contract with UTC to lease our parking lot. She outlined the resurfacing project, but assured the lot will be ready for the kickoff event on August 18th. There was a question raised regarding the hours of the lease agreement and whether or not students would be allowed to park on Monday evenings for the dinner and service. Ms. Poston will investigate this and notify Rev. Parsons. There was also discussion about hanging banners on both sides of the Canterbury building advertising the campus ministry and its location. There will be a follow up meeting August 8th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss further planning and details of the event. At this time the student ministry group left the meeting.

The Minutes from the June 20, 2019 vestry meeting were reviewed by the vestry. There being no changes or corrections, the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Hatley presented the June/July 2019 Treasurer's Report with accompanying detail reports, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Mr. Hatley confirmed the move of several special funds from money market accounts to the EEC as was approved by the vestry in June. He said there may be additional funds that could be transferred, but he will not know the exact amount until after all capital expenditures from building projects have been paid. Mr. Sizer asked a question regarding Lisa Hunt's retainer. Mr. Hatley confirmed she is being paid monthly. Mr. Hatley left the meeting at this time.

Sr. Warden's Report: Mr. Thompson asked for reports on action items from the previous meeting. He began by stating that he had not yet discussed the reduction of the vestry with the Diocese and would wait for a face-to-face meeting with Bishop Cole to do so. He met with Music Director, Karla Fowkes, and reported the organ tuning work is yet to be done but on the schedule of Richards, Fowkes & Co. He talked with Ms. Fowkes regarding the addition of special music for special services and high feast days. She made a decision to vest/robe the choir and new robes must be ordered. Ms. Fowkes will attend the next vestry meeting to discuss this. Mr. Thompson announced Karla Fowkes as the winner of the contest to name the church newsletter. The new name is Exultet, which means 'rejoice.'

Jr. Warden's Report: Ms. Poston began her report by stating the interior tower work was to begin the next week. There is a cabinet at the foot of the steps that stores old robes which she asked permission to remove. It is a fire hazard and must be moved for the stairs to be painted. She will contact Ms. Fowkes regarding the old robes and relocation of the cabinet. Upon completion of the tower work, the repairs to the left wall of the narthex will begin. She reported the first three windows on the West side of the church have been completed by Mr. Perry, and he will continue work on the next three that have been underwritten financially. There are six windows remaining that have not been paid for. There was a suggestion of an article in the newsletter to increase congregational awareness of the window project and to solicit donations. Ms. Poston asked for the vestry's approval to purchase the four statuary pedestals that have been loaned to Christ Church. A donor has agreed to pay part of the cost. The vestry voted unanimously to approve this purchase. Ms. Poston further asked for approval to continue investigating problems and fix the air conditioning in Fox Hall. There was a repair just made to a modulator in the unit but it is uncertain if this will fix the problem. The vestry voted to proceed with repairs, not to exceed \$4800. Ms. Poston brought the vestry up to date on the UTC contract to lease our parking lot. The agreement was signed and the parking lot will be resealed and restriped in the next two weeks. ADA signs and safety mirrors will then be installed. A suggestion was made to remove the rose bushes from the left wall of the parking lot exit. They are overgrown and inhibiting egress. The vestry agreed to removal and asked Ms. Poston to work with a landscape professional to determine appropriate replacement plantings. Ms. Poston is still in the process of finding hinges for the rails in the Lady Chapel. They are unique and unusual. She then notified the vestry that the church had received a citation from the City of Chattanooga regarding recycling procedures. She reviewed City recycling rules and asked Ms. Barney for her help correctly labeling the recycling bins in the kitchen. Ms. Poston will provide appropriate recycling bags and will ask the City for an official refuse can to be placed on Douglas Street.

Ms. Arthur stated she had contacted the Church Insurance Company and requested a copy of the church's insurance policy for review. They are sending this to her and she will report her findings at the next vestry meeting.

Mr. King announced plans for Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th with special guest The Right Reverend Don Johnson. The Rally Day committee met on June 26th to finalize plans. There will be activities for two weeks prior

to the event. Chip Caldwell has agreed to film the service and place a copy in the church archives. Advertisement in the Exultet newsletter has begun.

Ray Barney is in charge of hospitality details for Rally Day. She will invite the students from Dalewood Middle School who work with our outreach program. Because of the special nature of this event and our special guest, the vestry passed a motion that there would be only one service that day at 1030 a.m. Ms. Barney agreed to encourage the parishioners who normally attend the early service to attend the Rally Day festivities. Mr. Thompson said he felt a good deal of excitement regarding Rally Day and was encouraged.

Ms. Eichenberger agreed to work with Children's Minister Betsy Bedwell and the parent committee on special activities for children. Rally Day will mark the first Sunday for the return of children's Christian education.

There being no further business to come before the vestry, the meeting was adjourned by singing Hymn 43. The next regular meeting of the vestry will be 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Danese E. Sizer, Clerk