

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES

January 21st, 2023

01. Call to Order & Quorum.

- a. Present were: Charlotte Boatwright; Danese Sizer; Susan Brooks; Mark Reneau; Troy Eichenberger; and Fr. Will Levanway, Priest in Charge.
- b. Apologies: Jennifer McKinney; and Karla Fowkes.
- c. Upon declaration that a quorum was in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 2:52 pm.

02. Opening Prayer.

Fr. Will Levanway.

03. Previous Minutes.

- a. Any additions or modifications were solicited.
A **motion** was made to accept the minutes from the November meeting. After a second, **motion passed**.
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04. Vestry Officers

- a. Fr. Will thanked Danese for coming on as our new vestry member, and thanked Troy and Susan for taking on the roles of Sr. and Jr. Warden this year. Troy noted we're still in need of a clerk, a chancellor, and a treasurer. Fr. Will said he believes Barbara Arthur is happy to continue as chancellor. Danese said she would be happy to serve as clerk if needed.

05. Finance (See Appendix I)

- a.

06. Safeguarding

- a. Fr. Will said Brian Henry will be in contact soon with the vestry members about background checks and Safe Church training, as our policies require that of all leadership positions. He noted the training is unfortunately not able to be done as a group, so everyone will have to do it individually online.

07. Security

- a. Fr. Will said while we explore our grant options, our plan is currently to get our greeters in place and develop a security plan for them, then price out what a security company or having an off-duty officer present would be, as well as having the police do a threat assessment. Susan noted the grant paperwork she's seen was incredibly complicated, and we would probably have to pay to have someone write the grant for us, which is an additional cost to consider.

08. Building & Grounds

- a. Fr. Will said we have gotten approved for the Historic Preservation Fund grant, in the amount of \$25,000, but he is still investigating what the restrictions are for this money. He noted we applied for this grant quite a while ago, and a number of people involved in that process are no longer with the church.
- b. Multiple people expressed thanks to Nancy Poston for her hard work in getting us on the Historic Places Registry which made us eligible for this grant.

09. Questions to Clergy & Wardens

- a. Troy asked if there was an expectation as senior warden that he makes reports to the Vestry or writes something regularly for the Exsultet. Fr. Will said he has generally left up to the warden how and when they would like to give the reports. Danese said she really likes the idea of Troy writing for Exsultet. Fr. Will suggested maybe once a month or every six weeks or so.
- b. Fr. Will said he expects that next week, he will go up to the diocesan office to sign some paperwork and take some oaths, and then he will be an official Episcopal priest. At that point, we can schedule our mutual ministry review, and move forward in the call process.
- c. Troy asked if there were any updates on the pews and who was in charge of that project since Oren Whightsel had had to take a step back for a while. Susan said she spoke with Oren a week or so ago and he was doing better, and he said the pews that had been renovated were almost ready to come back.

10. Next Meeting

- a. Danese asked when is the normal day the vestry meets. Fr. Will noted we've been meeting on the third Sunday, as it was difficult to do it after the potluck. Everyone agreed that they were happy to continue aiming for third Sundays.
- b. TBD.

11. Closing Prayer & Adjournment.

Fr. Will Levanway.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian J. Henry

Appendix I
Finance Report
January 2023

The in-depth finance appendices are available upon request to the church office.

2022 Financial Review.

- 2022 P&L – 2022 ended up much better than we predicted and budgeted. Expenses exceeded giving & investments by \$8.5K vs. budgeted \$46K. Giving came in right in projected. Yates exceeded budget by \$18K. Expenses were \$16K greater. Capital items appearing in income and in expenses should not be included.



Chip Caldwell