

Christ Episcopal Church, Rockville, MD
Vestry Minutes
Nov. 28, 2023, 7-8:30pm in the Parish House

Present: Fr. Tim Carr (Rector), Bryant Trost (Senior Warden), Matthew Salter (Junior Warden), Bill Hickman (Treasurer), Jeremy Snider, Emily Correll, Victor Ban, Rose Buck, Emily Pearce, Moss Kendrix

Opening

An opening prayer was provided, and the agenda for the November meeting, as amended, was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of October Minutes

Approval of the October minutes was deferred until the December meeting.

October Financial Report

October was a strong month for pledging. Special collection for Judith received through the church (not gofundme.com campaign) will be disbursed to her via check. Overall, we are about \$37 K ahead of budgeted net revenue, YTD.

The October financial report was approved by unanimous vote.

[Note: On November 12, 2023, the Vestry voted, via e-mail, to approve the expenditure of \$18,486 of endowment income to pay for repairs of the HVAC system which impacted heating in the nave.]

Stewardship

We have received approximately 62% of our \$600 K target for 2024. The stewardship committee will commence individual outreach to parishioners whose pledges are still outstanding. Fr. Tim suggested compiling stewardship-related information for new Episcopalians.

Congregational support for EDOW

The vestry discussed a diocesan request for an increased contribution to the diocese given the growth that our parish is experiencing. Because we have not yet adopted our budget for 2024, we do not feel comfortable at this time in committing to any amount higher than what we are contributing in 2023.

Approval of 2024 budget

Discussion was deferred until the December meeting, by which point the vestry will have a clearer picture of pledge revenue for 2024.

School Report

Enrollment has been strong, including some mid-year transfers. Recent community events and town hall have gone well.

Property report

Pump replacement is in progress; testing is scheduled for Friday. Heat should be restored in the church on Sunday. Water is seeping into the ground floor bathroom off of the dining room.

Leak that affects server storage area needs remediation; vestry agreed to seek a more precise cost estimate from the contractor S&W. In the meantime, temporary remediation measures are underway.

Bill Hickman presented a rough prioritization of property repairs/improvements for 2024, based on three priority levels. The vestry will review the prioritization and provide feedback to Bill, Fr. Tim, and Bryant.

Vestry nominating committee

Members of the nominating committee are Rose, Victor, and Matthew, whose terms will end in January 2024. The committee will meet on Dec. 12 at 6:30 PM.

Update on Bargain Box

All has proceeded per discussion at the October meeting, except that the Bargain Box Board decision on certain hard assets was delayed until after the holidays.

Sports teams and sponsorship

Fr. Tim is looking for a co-ed youth sports team to sponsor as a good way to deepen connections to young families in the community.

Christmas publicity

Jeremy prepared an invitation for the upcoming Christmas services. Printed 1,400 copies for Greater Rockville area recipients (not CEC parish) and will launch a Moco 360 advertisement and social media promotion.

Confirmation of December's in-person meeting

Next meeting will take place on December 19th at 7:00 pm.

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A closing prayer was offered, following which there was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and passed.