

April 27, 2025 Vestry Meeting Christ Episcopal Church

Present: Father Ryan, Kent Miller (Sr Warden), Carl Muench (Co-Jr Warden) Gina Thomas (Co-Jr Warden), Jeff Farough, Barb Dillow, Bob Lowe (treasurer)

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm by Father Ryan, who led the opening prayer.

Motion to approve March meeting minutes was made by Carl, 2nd by Jeff, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The current deficit for 2025 with a full time priest is approximately \$50,000 without renting the Fountain House and \$40,000 with rent beginning on June 1. The letter to the Bishop will be emailed to him, Canon Doris, and Canon Desiree.

Discussed updating the signature cards for the General Operating Fund account and the Hunger Ministry account. A motion was made by Kent, 2nd by Carl to appoint John McGowan as treasurer to replace Bob Lowe; motion passed unanimously. A motion was then made to name the following as signers on the General Operating Fund account: John McGowan, Kent Miller, Cheryl Essner, and Barb Dillow and to remove all other signers. Motion was made by Barb, 2nd by Jeff, approved unanimously.

Priest's Report: Numbers were up significantly for Easter Sunday. Members of our convocation attended the Easter Vigil co-hosted by Holy Cross Poplar Bluff.

Sr Warden's Report: Main concern has been sending the letter to the Bishop.

Jr Warden's Report: Fountain House roof replacement; church roof replacement will be this week if the weather allows, some caulking needs to be done in the church, Joey West has done a lot of work on the Fountain House.

Fountain House Roof: Gina consulted with the insurance company; they will not cover any repairs to the roof but may cover interior damage. We have 3 estimates for a total roof replacement, with the amounts varying from \$12,814 to \$13,500; Gina and Fr Ryan will meet tomorrow to go over the estimates and make a decision. Fr Ryan is applying for a grant from the diocese to cover half of the cost. The Fountain House will serve college students by supplying them with decent housing and thus is an extension of our ministry. The other half of the cost for the roof will come from our Endowment Fund.

Safe Church

Everyone at CEC (vestry, staff, priest) has completed Safe Church training.

We are awaiting Diocesan confirmation regarding the completion of background checks.

We are in compliance with Safe Space requirements.

Diocesan policies have been made accessible via hard copies.

We have transparent procedures in place for concerns and complaints.

The Vestry has received and adopted the policies for this calendar year.

The motion to review and adopt the policies for this calendar year was made by Kent with Carl seconding and passing unanimously.

The Vestry discussed the fire exit procedure.

Fr Ryan adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.