

**February 23, 2025 Vestry Meeting Minutes
Christ Episcopal Church**

Present: Fr Ryan, Bob Lowe (Treasurer), Kent Miller (Sr Warden), Carl Muench (Jr Warden), Karen Biggs, Ginia Thomas, Jeff Farough, Barb Dillow, members of the congregation.

Father Ryan opened the meeting at 12:10 pm with an opening prayer.

The minutes for January 19, 2025 Vestry meeting and for February 9, 2025 Vestry meeting were passed; Jeff made the motion, seconded by Kent, passed unanimously.

Father Ryan announced that the Diocese approved our request for a grant for the remainder of the funding for the roof repair. We are fully funded and can complete the work. The Bishop will be here on March 9 for the reception of new members. The service will be at 2:30 pm followed by a potluck.

Sr. Warden: He is happy that the roof will be completed soon; he has been having conversations with parishioners and is available for discussion so please reach out to him; reassured the congregation that the Vestry is working diligently on options regarding our finances.

Jr. Warden: The patch on the roof was completed; he expressed his appreciation to Donovan for shoveling and salting the sidewalks during the recent snowfall.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the option of renting out the Fountain House as a residence as a means to reduce our budget deficit. Other churches in our Diocese have taken this step. The CEC subcommittee that looked into the issue is Brooke Hildebrand Clubb, Joey West, and Chris Masters. They did extensive research into the matter (see attached) and recommend renting it. Brooke presented a summary of the work they have done and explained how the rental could be accomplished. The food pantry and office would be relocated to the church basement; we would be able to keep our parking lot; Fountain House could be rented as early as April; there would be a significant savings on utilities as well as additional income (approx \$15,600 per year). Adrienne Poe would be the property manager and would act as the landlord for 10% of the monthly rent (\$1450). The idea originated in the discernment and listening sessions that have been held over the past few weeks. The Food Pantry and Office staff are supportive of the idea. There were many questions and much discussion on the subject, including the idea of removing the non-functioning lift for more space and building a "shed" by the front door of the church to store the lawn mower. Carl feels that by having the food pantry and office in the church building, it is furthering the mission of CEC. The motion was made by Karen to accept the proposal to rent the Fountain House; seconded by Gina and passed unanimously.

At Father Ryan's request, the motion was made to continue Father Ryan's salary through May at the agreed upon amount as described in his Letter of Agreement; motion made by Karen and seconded by Kent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Karen made the motion to adjourn, Gina seconded, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.