

May 18 2025 Vestry Meeting Minutes Christ Episcopal Church

Present: John McGowan (Treasurer), Carl Muench (Jr Warden), Jeff Farough, Karen Biggs, Barb Dillow, Gina Thomas, and Kent Miller(Sr Warden) online

Kent opened the meeting at 12:05 pm and led us in an opening prayer.

A motion was made by Gina and seconded by Carl to approve the April 27 Vestry Meeting Minutes; it passed by unanimous vote. Karen made a motion to approve the May 10 Special Meeting Minutes; it was seconded by Gina and approved unanimously.

Old Business

The 1st Choice Roofing bid for the Fountain House roof has been submitted to the Diocese. However, it is uncertain if that bid includes replacing any damaged plywood. The other 2 bids do include plywood replacement so Gina and John will review the 3 bids to compare their coverage.

The Parish Hall roof work is progressing. The recent storm delayed work but did not cause any damage to the roof.

We still need updated signature cards for all accounts other than the General Operating Account. These accounts are: Memorial Fund, Columbarium Fund, Hunger Ministries; Endowment Fund, and Investment Fund. John will be reviewing our accounts with the goal of receiving better returns.

Kent received an email from the Bishop in response to Kent's letter sent regarding CEC's financial situation. Kent has talked with Canon Doris and had further conversations with the Bishop.

New Business

Canon Whitney Rice will be leading us in worship into August (except for June 8 and July 20). There will be zero cost to CEC. It is unknown at this time whether we will continue to have 2 services.

We will need to evaluate CEC's financial situation. John would like to set up a subcommittee to assess what the church can afford and to determine the compensation provided to clergy by churches of comparable size in our area. A motion to allow the Finance Committee to speak with other churches regarding clergy compensation and to come back to the Vestry with a recommendation for what CEC can afford was made by Gina, second by Jeff, all in favor.

We will consider if a Worship Committee needs to be established. The music selections will be discussed with Canon Whitney. Tyler is available to assist in administrative areas. Mary Roberts is training with Fr Ryan to take over the bulletin and newsletter. The Vestry voted on a motion made by Kent and seconded by Karen to allow Mary up to an extra day per week for additional work. The motion passed unanimously. The Vestry later received an email from Kent that stated "Father Ryan asked if we could approve up to 2 extra days for Mary to work with Ryan. Therefore I am making a motion that we amend our vestry minutes and grant Mary 2 extra days instead of one." Reply all with a vote please. The motion was passed.

Fr Ryan is working with Tabitha to lead Compline. Brooke may also be interested in leading Compline.

Fr Ryan sent Kent a list of 4 additions to the meeting:

Joey expressed an interest in joining the Vestry; his election must wait until the next Annual Meeting.

Fr Ryan requested that the plate offering from next Sunday be allocated to the Priest Discretionary Fund; we will do that at a future date so that the congregation can be informed beforehand.

The gutter in the front yard of the church needs to be removed; it is not ours. Tom Davis is no longer available to mow. Gina will call Tom to confirm.

Kent will be in touch to set up the June Vestry Meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.