

May 23, 2025 Special Vestry Meeting
Christ Episcopal Church

In attendance: Kent Miller (Sr Warden), Carl Muench (Jr Warden), Karen Biggs, Barb Dillow, Jeff Farough (phone), Gina Thomas (phone)

Meeting called to order by Kent at 12:55pm

Kent read the letter regarding Canon Whitney Rice serving at CEC for June and July following the departure of Father Ryan Missel. She will be available every Sunday except June 8 and July 20. There are 2 options: 8am and 10:30am services with Eucharist at a cost to CEC for a hotel room for Canon Whitney; or only a 10:30 service with no cost involved to CEC. With the first option, Canon Whitney would be available for adult formation between the services and with the second, she would stay for coffee hour after the one service. Gina mentioned the Johnson Faculty Center at SEMO where a suite can be rented at \$30 per night. A motion was made by Kent, second by Barb to approve the first option of Canon Whitney presiding at 8AM and 10:30AM services with a cost to CEC for her hotel room.

The Standing Committee has approved the rental of the Fountain House.

The Diocese requests that we revisit our budget without Ryan's salary.

Ryan has bulletins made for June but without hymns. Canon Whitney and our musicians will be consulted on the selections.

Mary Roberts has been training with Ryan this week and will create the bulletins and e-newsletters. Tyler Helm may be available to help. We discussed several questions that Mary had (see attached). The tentative date for the plate offering benefitting the Priest's Discretionary Fund is June 15. The Vestry feels that quarterly giving statements will be sufficient but wants to discuss with John McGowen.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.