



CHAPEL of  
*the* CROSS  
*an historic Episcopal Church*

*Meeting of the Vestry*

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 @ 6:00p

*The Library*

- ❖ Members Present: Ellen Durst, Dick Dickinson, Ashley Herden, Bill Buhner, Russ Markle, Kenny O'Neal, Russel Wilcox, Cliff Agnew, Michael Barker (treasurer), Marvin Koury (Jr Warden), Father Tom Fanning  
Members Absent: Father Will Compton, Sarabeth Clark, Brock Haas (Sr Warden)  
Guests: Ed Dacus, David Cado, Stan Herren, Ray Balentine
  
- ❖ Gathering and Prayer—led by Tom
  
- ❖ Vestry Guests
  - Entergy, Cliff Hering (subcontractor)
    - Presented a proposal to
    - a)put new electrical poles up at southeast corner of property (Gluckstadt Rd and 463) and further south toward entrance/driveway
    - b)replace existing pole south of Dewese house exit
    - oak tree and crepe myrtles will need to be removed from our property in order to accommodate these changes
    - we would need to approve allowing Entergy to take the easement on our property to place the poles
    - discussion; suggested to put lines on Rita McGuffie's property across 463 because an easement for the lines already exists there; according to Mr. Hering there were concerns about the trees on her property so they came to us
    - other concerns voiced by Mr. Herren, Mr. Cato, and Mr. Balentine
    - members of vestry would be possibly be amenable to this (pending review of easement) if lines are buried and not visible
    - Kenny moved to deny the request for the easement as it stands currently, 2nd by Bill
  
  - Dr. Ed Dacus, Director of Music @ The Chapel of the Cross
    - Husband and wife Ausra and Hristov Jasineviciute want to use the choir room at the Chapel to meet with advanced strings students they teach in private lessons from around the metro area; have asked Ed if they can use the facility on Saturdays from 1-3 starting in Sept 2023
    - discussion of insurance/liability waiver; tabled pending Michael discussing with Dana re: insurance/liability, as well as Ed following up re: background checks for Ausra and Hristov to be in accordance with Safeguarding God's Children policies
  
- ❖ Approval of the May 2023 Minutes  
Motion to approve—Marvin, 2nd Bill; unanimous approval

## ❖ Old / Ongoing Business

- Treasurer's Report: Michael Barker
  - met with auditors–things look good, as usual “we need to hire another Dana”
  - discussion of financial summary
  - motion made by Michael to allocate \$1000 to Wedding Guild to add needed items to Children's Chapel for weddings; 2nd Russel; unanimous approval
  - motion made by Cliff to accept the treasurer's report; 2nd Anna; unanimous approval
  
- Junior Warden: Marvin Koury
  - following up on new doors for church offices
  - getting a 2nd quote for cameras for Ed in COTR
  - working on options for expanding parking
  - making needed repairs to the irrigation system

–Bill will look into plaque for donors' names in COTR–possibly a cheaper option
  
- Will's PIC Points (notes from Will emailed to Vestry as he was not present)
  - Recaps
    - Bishop's Visit
  - Summer Events
    - Youth Mission Trip (June 11-17)
    - Special Session 2 at Camp Bratton-Green (June 19-24)
    - Vacation Bible School (June 26-29)
    - Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy (July 23)
  - July 2023 Meeting Date
  
- Tom's Tidbits
  - Update on the search for the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Mississippi
    - listening sessions have gone well
  - Working with vergers to lead acolyte training in August
  - Approval of lay eucharistic visitors–Robert Pooley, Laney Crampton, Tommy Roberson
    - Motion to approve made by Marvin, 2nd Ellen, unanimous approval
  
- 📄 Day in the Country: Anna Arnold
- 📄 –close to a solution for parking
- 📄 –had good meeting with chairs for DITC events
- 📄 –talked with Mike Kent about possibly using school parking lots as parking for volunteers

## ❖ New Business / Committee Referrals

- Fireworks Stand: Bill Buhner
  - proposal was tabled because proprietor did not have correct documentation; can only sell fireworks until July 5, so the proposal is moot because the committee won't meet again until after that date
- Marvin–strongly suggests charging a fee and making groups sign a usage agreement for non-church meeting or events on the Chapel's campus

## ❖ Compline Led by Dick Dickinson

## ❖ Adjournment–Motion made by Cliff; 2nd Russel; unanimous approval