



Meeting of the Vestry Wednesday, May 17, 2023 *The Library*

- ❖ **Attendance:** Rev. Will Compton Rev. Tom Fanning
Brock Haas, Sr. Warden Marvin Koury, Jr. Warden Michael Barker, Tres.
Cliff Agnew Anna Arnold Bill Buhner Ellen Durst
Ashley Herden Russ Markel Kenny O'Neal Russell Wilcox

- ❖ **Absent:** Dick Dickinson

❖ **Old Agenda**

April minutes

Amendment clarification made and completed

- Motion to approve April minutes with amendments by Russell, second by Cliff, and approved by all.

❖ **Treasurer's Report: Michael Barker**

April Financials reviewed and discussed.

Plaque of recognition for Capital Campaign
Discussion if there should be a plaque for donors
Quotes to be obtained for a plaque

Capital Campaign

Moving from a construction loan to a mortgage loan next month
Recommendation by Michael to reinstate Capital Campaign
Treasurer to be a liaison with bank/mortgage
Original treasurers were Brian Martin and Brock Haas
Discuss options for reducing mortgage loan
New Capital Campaign / Fund Raisers options

2022 Audit is to be finalized and presented to Vestry next months meeting

- Motion to accept the financial report by Marvin, second by Bill, approved by all.

Michael Barker, as approved by the previous Vestry, has agreed to continue being treasurer until Annual Parish Meeting, 2024.

❖ **Sr Warden Report: Brock**

*Will and Tom excused themselves from the meeting at this time.

Rector Search Update

The parish survey has been completed by the search committee
Survey to be distributed to the vestry to test and make sure there are no technical problems in taking the survey prior to parish-wide distribution.

Announcement to be made to the parish during the May 21st services
The survey will be live May 29, 2023.
There will be both electronic and hard copies available.
Deadline for the return of the survey will be June 12, 2023.

*Will and Tom returned to the meeting.

Denise Unterbrink presents a request to the vestry to suspend the current by-laws of the cemetery guild and allow her to bury her aunt's ashes (who has no immediate family) in The Chapel Cemetery. The Unterbrink's would plan to purchase two lots with approval of the vestry for the burial of her aunt's ashes and for burial of their ashes when the time presented.

- After much discussion, a motion to deny the request to suspend the by-laws made by Denise Unterbrink to bury her aunt in the Chapel cemetery was made by Ellen, seconded by Marvin, and approved by the majority of the vestry.

Brock suggests that Bill Buhner meet with Keith Obert and the cemetery committee to review plot lines and try to designate plots for cremation internment.

❖ **Jr. Warden Report: Brock for Marvin**

Driveway

Not fully completed due to rain and increase usage of the Chapel during the time of construction.

Plan to finish laying river rock and complete the job ASAP

New sink installed in the education building will allow an increase in PDO census.
Installed safe stops for security in case of emergency, e.g. active shooter or intruder

New Handle to The Chapel sacristy to preserve the original door handle.

*Please use the handle and not the doorknob when pulling the door shut from outside

Repair of drainage pipe in front of Parish Hall

Youth Wing:

Mice noted and measures taken for extermination

Need to discuss cleaning with Doug and the youth after each EYC meeting
Bid being obtain to install cameras:
COTR/Ed for communication during services and security
*Will need Wifi for use in COTR during the service
Education building for safety

Request to increase parish hall space with the destruction of the stage and reconfiguration of the petition walls

- Motion to approve increasing space of parish hall by removing stage and the reconfiguration of petition walls keeping one corner for storage by Marvin, second by Brock, approved by all.

❖ **Will's Update:**

Parish Weekend

>100 members attended throughout the weekend
105 attended the 10:30 service at CBG
Parish Weekend 2024 has been reserved

Concerts in the Country

Last installment held April 30th
>100 in attendance
\$600 was collected for next year's concerts
Reveal party for friends of the concerts, to be hosted by Kenny and Ellen O'neal, in August to thank them for their support and contributions.
First Concert in the Country will be Sept 17, 2023, at the Chapel

2023 Harry Strauss Golf Tournament

19 Teams played
Net \$8200 raised for servant ministry=p=-0

Youth Sunday

300 people in attendance
Offering designated funds for Youth Mission Trip was over \$2000

Bishop's Visit May 21st

Services: 7:30 and 5:00 in the COTC
8:45 and 11:00 in the COTR with Bishop Seage
20 to be confirmed Sunday, May 21st.
Reception: 10:00
10 confirmed on Wednesday, May 17 for those who could not attend May 21st

MS Conference on Church Music and Liturgy

Closing Eucharist to be held at The Chapel in July

Chapel Cats Summer Social Media Campaign

Take flat cats, Gus and Momma Kitty, on vacation and adventures and send them back to Sam or tag The Chapel during the summer

Staff Summer Hours:

Starting May 29 until August 7, 2023

Monday – Thursday 8:00-2:00

Friday 8:00 – 12:00

*Emergency Contacts to remain intact

Staff vacations to be transparent to the parish and where calls are to be forwarded.

❖ **Tom's Tidbits:**

Bishop Search Committee

The Chapel hosted the Clergy of the dioceses May 16

Diocesan Listening Sessions Opportunities

Nativity in Greenwood MS May 31st

St. Columbs June 4, 2023 online

The diocesan survey is live for the Bishop's search

Live interviews anticipated for October 2023

Summer Session Planning for Fall

Verger / Acolyte training

Beginners class - 6 weeks in the fall engaging newcomers that fill out visitor cards or interested in learning about the Episcopal faith

Inquires Class – discuss "People Called Episcopalians" / Gifts of

God for the People of God / confirmation classes / engage

catechesis teachers / plug people in

Barnabas Guild – sponsors for new confirmands

❖ **New Business**

DITC – Anna Arnold

A survey sent out to chairs and co-chairs

Chair Meeting June 11th

DITC date verified with vendors that were signed up

Parking continues to be investigated and discussed with authorities

Marvin – start discussion for after-school outreach programs

Bill – Storybook Project update

Stumps on Deweese Cemetery need to be removed

\$350 to remove and to be paid out of the cemetery fund

❖ **Compline:**

Led by Ellen Durst

❖ **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn Brock, second Ashely, approved by all.