



CHAPEL of
the CROSS
an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 @ 6pm

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

In Attendance: Cliff Agnew, Meredith Bailess, Bill Buhner, Rev. Will Compton, Dick Dickinson, Ellen Durst, Rev. Tom Fanning, Lynne Green, Ray Kinney, Russ Markle, Carroll Patton, Russell Wilcox
Not Present: Anna Arnold, Kenny O'Neal

- Welcome, Prayer, and Keifer's
- August Agenda
- Approval of the July 2024 Minutes
 - Motion to Approve July Minutes made by Bill Buhner, 2nd by Russell Wilcox. Unanimous Approval.
- Old / Ongoing Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green
 - July 2024 Financial Report
 - Updating Financial procedures for possible review at a later date
 - Note that Diocesan Pledge has been accidentally drafted under budget the last few months. Money will be added to each month until pledge is back on track and caught up.
 - Motion to approve July financial report by Ray Kinney. Second by Bill Buhner. Approved by vestry.
 - Separation of ODR Funds from Operating Funds
 - Motion to remove \$150,000 from ODR funds and place into CD for up to 12 months at Bank First by Dick Dickinson, Second Carroll Patton, unanimous approval.
 - Motion to open money market account at Bank First with residual funds of current/future ODR not being placed in CD. First Russell Wilcox, Second Ellen Durst, unanimous approval.
 - Junior Warden's Report: Dick Dickinson
 - Suspension of Financial Procedures for Tom's Door
 - Move to suspend financial procedures requiring 3 quotes, and go ahead with Creative Windows and Doors for Tom's new door in order to have consistency with Will's door previously placed. So moved by Meredith Bailess, Second Dick Dickinson, unanimous approval.
 - Other Updates
 - Dick is working to replace lights along Chapel pathways, as well as install new lights on path.
 - Ed building windows are all in poor shape and need to be replaced d/t missing sealant allowing termites and water to get in.
 - Plans are moving along for repainting the parish hall and replacing light fixtures.

- Eagle Scouts continue to work on playground and will be adding new mulch. Rubber mulch recommended to last longer than wood mulch.
 - Rubber mulch quotes
 1. Best Rubber Mulch- \$3,361.69 (black, undyed)
 2. Mulch Direct- \$3,825 (black, undyed); \$4,635 (brown, dyed)
 3. Rubber Mulch Warehouse- \$4,115
 - Note that black mulch carries much higher temperature than lighter colored mulch making it preferable.
 - Motion to accept quote for light brown painted mulch from Mulch Direct at \$4,635 so moved by Ray Kinney, Second Meredith Bailess, unanimous approval.
- Senior Warden's Report: Cliff Agnew
 - AC Unit Discussion
 - AC unit servicing has been moved to McInvale.
 - AirPlus from Brandon was not providing good service at installation or servicing current air conditioners.
 - Committee for plan and repair of current AC formed: Dick Dickinson, Russ Markle, Marving Koury, Cliff Agnew, Robert Pooley, and Bill Buhner
- The Rector's Ruminations
 - Facility Rental Pricing/Update Facility Rental Agreement
 - Max occupancy determined to be approximately 350 in Parish Hall
 - Cleanup Fee changed to Sexton Fee to go directly to Carleen
 - Liability issues discussed in order to bring building up to regulation code (i.e. exit doors/signs, etc)
 - Tree of Life
 - Will spoke with multiple parishioners who were indifferent towards removing the Tree of Life in Parish Hall, but recommended that contact be made to the artist, Thomas Morrison. Future updates pending.
 - Day in the Country Update
 - Going well; parking meetings continuing with a plan in place to enter at construction entrance on 463 and exit on Gluckstadt Road.
 - Kickoff of Sunday Schools and Catechesis
 - Will is pumped. Starts Sept 8th.
- Tom's Tidbits
 - Met with Beth Masters from Parchman regarding implementation of Storybook Program.
 - Tom is now the clergy person overseeing outreach ministry within Chapel.
 - Moving forward with Walking the Mourners Path and it is going well.
- New Business
 - Memorial Nameplates
 - Space on monument for 40 names. Beveled plates with full Name, DOB-DOD included only.
 - No décor included on nameplates
- Compline: Carroll Patton
- Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn made by Bill Buhner, Second Carroll Patton. Unanimous Approval