



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

*Vestry Meeting*

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 6pm

*The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall*

Attending: Rev. Will Compton, Lynne Green, Ellen Durst, Carroll Patton, Kenny O'Neal, Russ Markle, Bill Buhner, Ray Kinney, Russell Wilcox, Cliff Agnew, Rev. Tom Fanning, Meredith Bailess, Anna Arnold, Ashley Herden

Out: Dick Dickinson

- Welcome, Prayer, and Keifer's
- October Agenda
- Approval of the September 2024 Minutes
  - motion to accept made by Bill, 2nd by Ray, unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
  - Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green
    - September 2024 Financial Report
      - review of report
      - COTC has been named as a beneficiary of an investment account valued at about \$28,000
      - motion to approve Sept. report made by Anna, 2nd by Russell, unanimous approval
    - Recommendations for Financial Procedures
      - discussion of recommendations to amend financial procedures
      - recommending adding a co-treasurer
      - add 2 more parish members to Finance Committee (total of 4 parishioners) appointed by Sr. Warden and confirmed by the vestry
      - increased amount that can be purchased without 3 quotes needed (raised from \$2500 to \$5000)
      - want to develop a policy regarding non-cash gifts with acceptance protocols.
      - will take to Finance Committee in November and will vote on changes at November vestry meeting
    - Approval of Auditor
      - 3 year contract fee commitment (\$12,000 in 2024, \$12,600 in 2025, \$13,200 in 2026)
      - motion to accept auditor engagement letter from Matthews, Cutrer, and Lindsey, PA and to authorize Cliff Agnew, Senior Warden, to sign said letter made by Ray, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval
  - Senior Warden's Report: Cliff Agnew
    - thanked vestry members for their contributions to Day in the Country 2024

- The Rector's Ruminations
  - Parish Hall Updates
    - possible home located for Tree of Life sculpture
  - Stewardship Update/Budgeting
    - \$667,000 in pledges so far
    - 13 new pledges
    - ends Oct. 27 and will go into budgeting process in November
  - Day in the Country Recap
    - parking went well!
  - Vestry Nominations (November 1 – November 30)
    - looking to elect 3 new vestry members
  
- Tom's Tidbits
  - Walking the Mourner's Path training this week
  - lay ministry license renewal
    - Motion to approve license renewal for 15 Lay Eucharistic Visitors made by Bill; 2nd by Ray, unanimous approval
    - Motion to approve license renewal for 19 Lay Eucharistic Ministers made by Ray; 2nd by Russell, unanimous approval
    - working with and training lots of new acolytes

□ New Business

- Selection of the Vestry Nominating Committee
  - Parish Members: David Allen, Phillip Lucas
  - Parish Member Alternates: Cecil Patton, Bailey Braswell
- Selection of the Warden's Nominating Committee
  - Dick has agreed to serve as Junior Warden for a 2nd year
  - Vestry Members: Russell Wilcox, Bill Buhner
  - Parish Members: Cliff Peyton, Bill Studdard
  - Parish Member Alternates: Julie Denton, Becky Mercier

□ Compline: Russell Wilcox

□ Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Bill, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval