



CHAPEL of *the* CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 6pm

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

Attendance: Rev. Will Compton, Ray Kinney, Carroll Patton, Bill Buhner, Rev. Tom Fanning, Dick Dickinson, Lynne Green, Kenny O'Neal, Cliff Agnew, Russell Wilcox, Ellen Durst, and Ashley Herden (Clerk of the Vestry)

Absent: Russ Markle, Anna Arnold, Meredith Bailess

Guest: Doug Goodin

Vestry Guest: Dougie Fresh Goodin, EYC Summer Mission Trip

- presented budget for 2025 youth mission trip; compared budget for this year to budget for 2023 mission trip; discussed where costs have increased/decreased (gas, van rental, etc)
- proposed the following fundraisers to help students pay for final participant cost of \$600:
 - Parent's night out (possibly multiple), New Year's Tree pickup, Daddy/Daughter dance, Shrove Tuesday pancakes and gumbo, Easter/Holy Week bread sales, possible mother/son nerf war.
- motion to approve fundraisers for EYC mission trip in 2025 made by Ellen, 2nd by Ray, unanimous approval

Approval of the October 2024 Minutes

- amendments made
- motion to accept amended minutes for October 2024 made by Bill, 2nd by Russell, unanimous approval

Old / Ongoing Business

- Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green
 - October 2024 Financial Report
 - discussion of financial report; predicting that we will net approximately \$45,000 from DITC (expenses were significantly higher this year); will allocate final amounts at December vestry meeting
 - amended to add principal portion of mortgage payment
 - motion to approve amended October 2024 financial report made by Russell, 2nd by Kenny, unanimous approval
 - Approval of Financial Procedures
 - 2 additional members of the parish (non-vestry) appointed to finance committee
 - donations added according to gift acceptance policy
 - finance committee recommends procedures to Vestry for adoption
 - motion to approve updated COTC financial procedures made by Dick, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval
 - Allocation of Shirley Abney's Monetary Gift to the Chapel of the Cross
 - originally designated for the organ; organ and mortgage are rolled in together
 - Will's recommendation is that we allocate \$2000 from that amount to complete Shirley's 2024 pledge and the remaining money be moved to the capital campaign account
 - motion to move the balance of the bequest from the Abney Fund in designated/restricted funds to the capital campaign account made by Bill, 2nd Cliff, unanimous approval

- Junior Warden's Report: Dick Dickinson
 - Parish Hall Updates
 - scrape ceiling foam and replace with acoustic panels
 - paint after CITC
 - looking at flooring and lighting options
 - install TV along back wall
 - paint hallway, wood baseboards to replace vinyl.
 - updates for offices
 - Other Updates
 - dead trees cut down, dug up bushes
 - updated quote to replace lighting on path to COTR
 - Ed Bldg windows will eventually need to be replaced

- Senior Warden's Report: Cliff Agnew
 - Budget: finance committee will meet first week of December; please look over budget prior to 12/17 meeting for questions or corrections
 - thanked Lynne for her work on updating financial procedures
 - will nominate 3 people for finance committee
 - requests that Vestry Members attend as many Christmas/Advent events as possible

- The Rector's Ruminations
 - Stewardship Numbers
 - 30 outstanding pledges; very good position
 - Vestry Nominations and Nominating Committees
 - Wardens and Vestry nominating committees will meet Dec. 11
 - Advent/Christmas
 - Advent Party 12/22 6-8 at Maggie Pooley's
 - Amahl and the Night Visitors performance 12/8
 - Burial of a Non-Member in the Memorial Garden
 - Mac Brown's friend Margaret died with no family–Mac is asking if her ashes can be scattered in memorial garden
 - Lacking a formal policy with regard to the memorial garden, Cliff Agnew made a motion to commit a non-member in the memorial garden based on that person's close relationship with a Chapel of the Cross member and the missionary circumstances of the request as well. 2nd by Kenny, unanimous approval

- Tom's Tidbits
 - posadas traveling during December
 - update on outreach projects (storybook prison ministry, food boxes, Angel Tree, Stewpot, summer camps, Safe Motherhood initiative, Mother's Day NICU project, Rise Against Hunger, school supply drive, Habitat, Salt and Light Ministry, Kyros, various charity events, Camp Bratton Green, disaster relief)
 - Walking the Mourner's Path will begin in the spring

New Business

None (Doug presented his proposal at the start of the meeting)

Compline: Ray Kinney

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dick, 2nd by Bill, unanimous approval