



# CHAPEL of *the* CROSS

*an historic Episcopal Church*

## *Vestry Retreat*

Saturday, February 22, 2025

*The Big House at Camp Bratton-Green*

Attendance: Lynne Green, Treasurer; Russ Markle; Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Ellen Durst; Russell Wilcox; Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Ray Kinney; Meredith Bailess; Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden; Carroll Patton; Cliff Agnew, Senior Warden; Becky Herren; Martha Frye; Ashley Herden, Clerk of the Vestry

Not attending: Heath Wray

### ➤ February Agenda

### ➤ Approval of the January 2025 Minutes— Ashley Herden will send ODR changes approved in January to Will (left out of Jan. 2025 minutes)

\*motion to accept amended Jan. 2025 minutes made by Carroll, 2nd Russell, unanimous approval

### ➤ Old / Ongoing Business

#### ○ Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green

##### ▪ January Financials

—had a great month in January; pledge income was about \$65,000 over budget

—several insurance line items are over budget—may need to amend budget to account for this

—adjusted 2024 surplus to \$59,839.94 (part of what's in operating acct)

—still working on gift acceptance policy

—so far for 2025, we expected \$107,600 to date in pledges, but have received \$206,476

which includes 2025 pre-paid pledges received

\*motion to accept January financials made by Ray, 2nd by Russell, unanimous approval

#### ○ Junior Warden Report: Dick Dickinson

##### ▪ Repairing the Chapel of the Cross

—past repairs have been stopgaps—looking for something comprehensive and cohesive as we look to the future of the building

—have received proposal from structural engineer to make a holistic evaluation of permanent repairs (proactive and comprehensive vs reactive)

—4 part proposal which includes 2 days of analysis and will present report to the Vestry; not to exceed \$33,000 (approx) which includes crews, drone, equipment costs

—discussion of proposal

\*motion to suspend financial procedures for Vestry to vote on proposal to hire Watson Structural Engineering made by Cliff, 2nd Russell, unanimous approval

\*motion to accept proposal from Watson Structural Engineering for site visit and full structural evaluation of the original Chapel of the Cross made by Martha, 2nd Becky, unanimous approval

- Parish Hall
  - painting, changing doors
  - will cost approx \$30,000 to add acoustic panels to ceiling of Parish Hall, so that’s on hold for now
  - TV will be installed in Parish Hall
  - painting Dewees House and Doug’s apartment will be happening soon
  - gravel delivery Monday; Ray will grate and work on driveways and roads on campus
- Education Building
  - no leaks after repairs from burst pipe
  - need to add antifreeze to pipes in Ed Bldg
  - Option 1 is to drain all pipes of old antifreeze and add new; will cost approx \$25,000
  - Option 2 is to put in heaters to keep pipes warm which will eliminate the need for antifreeze
  - talking to HVAC companies about both options
  - working on window tint in Chapel of the Resurrection
- Senior Warden Report: Cliff Agnew
  - Master Plan
    - Jack Allin is working on a master plan proposal; 2 other master plan proposals are also being created and we hope to have all 3 by March or April
    - we want to analyze all space and see how we can use it most effectively/efficiently, as well as identify our needs as a parish
    - will take most of 2025
    - we want this to be a plan to drive decisions as we move forward
- Rector’s Ruminations: The Reverend Will Compton
  - Confirmation of Appointed Positions
    - Treasurer (Lynne Green; unanimous approval)
    - Co-Treasurer (Terri Hudson; unanimous approval)
    - Clerk of the Vestry (Ashley Herden; unanimous approval)
    - Chancellor of the Parish (Davis Frye; unanimous approval)
    - Finance Committee Members
      - Mandy Pope–1 year term (unanimous approval)
      - David Allen–2 year term (unanimous approval)
      - JT Newman–2 year term (unanimous approval)
  - 2026 Annual Council Delegates and Alternates
    - Delegates: (unanimous approval)
      - ❖ Sr. Warden–Cliff Agnew
      - ❖ Jr. Warden–Dick Dickinson
      - ❖ Meredith Baileys
    - Alternates: (unanimous approval)
      - ❖ Ellen Durst, Russell Wilcox, Ray Kinney
  - Staff Plans
    - plan to split Doug’s position again into full time Youth Minister and part time Children’s Minister
    - 2 search committees
    - Youth: Will, Cliff, Ashley, Martha, other parishioners
    - Children: Will, Cliff, other parishioners
    - Goal is to have someone in both positions by August!
  - Credence Tables in the Chapel of the Resurrection
    - a shelf will be installed on the tables attached to the wall on both sides of the altar.

- Tom's Tidbits: The Reverend Tom Fanning
  - Walking the Mourner's Path classes are going well
  - Inquirer's Class will start March 16, and continue through May 18
  - Bishop's Visit will be May 18, for confirmations, reaffirmations, and baptism(s)
- New Business
- Closing Eucharist
- Adjournment
  - \*motion to adjourn made by Dick, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval

Upcoming Vestry Dates

The March Vestry meeting will be March 18.

The April Vestry meeting will be April 29.

The May Vestry meeting will be May 20.