



CHAPEL of *the* CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2025 @ 6pm

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

Attendance: Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden; Lynne Green, Treasurer; Ellen Durst; Bill Buhner; Russell Wilcox; Russ Markle; Cliff Agnew, Senior Warden; Meredith Bailess; Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Carroll Patton; Ray Kinney
Not attending: Kenny O'Neal, Anna Arnold

- Welcome, Prayer, and Keifer's
- January Agenda
- Approval of the December 2024 Minutes
 - Motion to accept the December 2024 minutes without edits/changes made by Bill, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval
- Vestry Guest: Sam Bengé - Parish Communicator
 - presentation about SubSplash platform—could be used to streamline parish communication and reduce costs
 - would have a COTC app w/messaging capabilities, could be used for giving as well
 - won't have to pay for someone to manage website separately
 - will also be used by the preschool to message parents and communicate
 - Sam and Dana will get a more in-depth demo on Feb 10
- Old / Ongoing Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green
 - December 2025 Financial Report
 - approx. \$138,000 net income for 2024
 - pledge income for December 2024 has gone up
 - recommended the following ODR changes:
 - Move ODR Interest Income from Donor Restricted Non-Operating Account to Vestry Designated Funds
 - Eliminate Seminarian Support Fund (which has a zero balance).
 - Eliminate the Rolling Fork Tornado Relief Fund (which has a negative \$40.79 balance).
 - Combine Angel Tree, Food Boxes, and School Supplies Funds into the Servant Ministry Fund. Going forward there will only be a Servant Ministry Fund which will provide funding for all of these ministries.
 - Eliminate the following Funds and transfer the balances in them to the Servant Ministry Fund:
 - Cross

- Guild of Christ Child
- Ultreya Group

- Motion to accept changes to ODR recommended by Finance Committee made by Cliff, 2nd by Ray, unanimous approval
- Motion to accept December 2024 financial report made by Bill, 2nd Russ, unanimous approval
- Housing Allowance Resolution for the Reverend Will Compton
 - Motion to accept that \$40,000 of Will Compton’s annual compensation be designated as housing allowance made by Carroll, 2nd Ray, unanimous approval
- Housing Allowance Resolution for the Reverend Tom Fanning
 - Motion to accept that \$40,000 of Tom Fanning’s annual compensation be designated as housing allowance made by Meredith, 2nd Dick, unanimous approval

- Junior Warden’s Report: Dick Dickinson
 - Russ reached out to a forensic architect about cracking and other issues in COTC; he’s working on a proposal for us to potentially hire him to do a study and make recommendations for ways to repair and preserve the COTC
 - discussion of master plan for campus–plan to release Jan. 2026 at Annual Meeting
 - painting/improvements to Parish Hall starting after Annual Meeting–goal is to be finished by Easter (for Agape meal)
- Senior Warden’s Report: Cliff Agnew
 - nothing to report
- The Rector’s Ruminations
 - The Annual Parish Meeting
 - vote on Vestry members, reports from Servant Ministry, Treasurer, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Rector
 - lunch after in Parish Hall; vestry cleans up after lunch
 - Annual Council
 - weekend following Annual Meeting on the Gulf Coast
 - morning prayer at 10:30 in the COTC will be the only service offered.
- Tom’s Tidbits
 - Walking the Mourner’s Path–need a few more signups (have 4, can take up to 10)

□ New Business

- Approval of the 2024 Parochial Report
 - discussion of parochial report; changes/edits made
 - Motion to accept amended parochial report made by Ellen, 2nd Bill, unanimous approval
- Vestry Endorsement of Ordination to the Priesthood for Gabbie Munn
 - Motion to endorse Gabbie Munn for ordination to the priesthood made by Cliff, 2nd Dick, unanimous approval

Motion to donate \$1,500 from Christmas in the Country ODR to Our Daily Bread made by Bill, 2nd Ray, unanimous approval. This will allow Our Daily Bread to purchase the lot next to them.

□ Compline: Meredith Bailess

□ Adjournment

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