



CHAPEL of *the* CROSS

an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 6pm

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

- In attendance: Will Compton, Rector; Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Meredith Bailess; Cliff Agnew, Senior Warden; Russell Wilcox; Russ Markle; Heath Wray; Becky Herren; Martha Frye; and Ellen Durst.
Absent: Carroll Patton; Ray Kinney; and Dick Dickinson
- Welcome, Prayer, and Keifers
- August Agenda
- Vestry Guests:
 - Laney Crampton – Chair of the Flower Guild
 - Eric Eaton and Sarabeth Clark – Chairs of the 46th Day in the Country
- Approval of the July 2025 Minutes
 - No changes noted. Motion to approve by Meredith Bailess; Second Becky Herren. Unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Cliff Agnew (Lynne out of town)
 - July 2025 Financials
 - Completing audit soon
 - Motion to approve Financials by Russell Wilcox, Second Cliff Agnew; Unanimous approval
 - Creating a Vestry Designated Fund
 - This fund would be separate from capital reserve account to be used at vestry's discretion
 - Motion to place \$14, 139 from capital reserves into a "Vestry Discretionary Fund" by Russell Wilcox, seconded by Martha Frye. Unanimous Approval.
 - Certificate of Deposit Renewal
 - CDR opened in 2024 with 12mo CD @ 4.5%
 - Bank offer to renew for 12mo @ 4%
 - Finance Committee recommends to renew at 4% along with the interest that has accrued.
 - Motion to renew CD and interest accrued at 4% for 12 mo made by Cliff Agnew and Seconded by Meredith Bailess; Unanimous approval.
 - \$5,000 for Concerts in the Country from ODR
 - Motion by Russ Markle to give \$5000 from capital reserves in ODR to pay for the Beloved Baroque Mississippi Symphony Concert in the Country; Marth Frye second; Unanimous approval.

- Senior Warden's Report: Cliff Agnew
 - Master Plan
 - Moving forward; meeting with Jack Allin in the next several weeks.
 - Security Committee being created to review the improvement of safety over all of the campus and the buildings. This committee chaired by Gus Neely, includes Eric Reiners, Sarabeth Clark, John McManus, Dick Dickinson, Russ Markle, Bill Buhner, and The Rev. Tom Fanning.
- Junior Warden's Report: Dick Dickinson
 - Office Hallways painted Aug. 28 and 29
 - New lighting hung in Parish Hall Aug 27
 - Grounds plan being developed for the groundskeeper
 - Youth room getting an update and refresh
- The Rector's Ruminations
 - Youth Minister Search
 - Applications open for Youth Minister Search- 22 applied with 5 qualified applicants
 - Boudreaux Dulske will be the Youth Minister in the interim
 - Pre-YC will be coming back for 6th grade. The will meet once per month and ease into EYC
 - Columbaria
 - Waiting on plaques for the niches
 - Policy mockup for selling niches being developed
 - Chap App
 - Encourage everyone to download!
 - Gearing Up for the Fall
 - Kicks off September 7th for full programming
- Tom's Tidbits
 - Walking the Mourners Path Starts Sept 16th
 - Licensed Worship Leaders to start traveling to smaller parishes to conduct Morning Prayer
 - Acolyte Training on 8/24, makeup training TBD
 - Motion to license Debbie Sones as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor- Becky Herren, Second Russ Markle, Unanimous Approval
- New Business
 - Handrail mockup for Chapel of the Cross
 - \$4,972 for handrails on chancel steps to be taken out of Historic Preservation.
 - \$2,000 has been donated and the rest will be provided from Historical Preservation Budget
 - Motion has been tabled until mockup is ADA compliant.
- Compline: The Reverend Tom Fanning
- Motion to Adjourn: Cliff Agnew, Second Russell Wilcox, Unanimous Approval