



# CHAPEL of *the* CROSS

*an historic Episcopal Church*

## *Vestry Meeting*

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 @ 6pm

*The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall*

Attendance: The Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Heath Wray; Cliff Agnew, Senior Warden; Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden; Ashley Herden, Clerk of the Vestry; The Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Becky Herren; Martha Frye; Russ Markle; Ellen Durst; Lynne Green, Treasurer; and Russell Wilcox.

Out: Ray Kinney; Meredith Bailess; and Carroll Patton

- Welcome, Prayer, and Keifers
- December Agenda
- Approval of the November 2025 Minutes
  - Motion to approve the November 2025 minutes made by Russell, 2nd Heath, unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
  - Treasurer's Report: Lynne Green
    - November 2025 Financials
      - discussion of financial report
      - motion to approve Nov. 2025 financials made by Russell, 2nd Martha, unanimous approval
    - Approval of the 2026 Budget
      - discussion of proposed 2026 budget
      - 19 outstanding pledges
      - may adjust budget based on year-end/December giving
      - motion to approve the 2026 budget made by Dick, 2nd Martha, unanimous approval
    - Approval of the Chapel's Voluntary Proportionate Giving
      - diocesan pledge is recommended to be 10% of 2024 total operating revenue (\$1,407,618), which would make our diocesan pledge amount \$140,761.80 for 2026
      - motion made to approve diocesan pledge amount of \$140,761.80 made by Cliff, 2nd Ellen, unanimous approval
  - Junior Warden's Report: Dick Dickinson
    - ratify email vote of 11/20/25 to
      - a. Suspend financial procedures due to lack of response from contractors and shortened time frame
      - b. Approve quote of \$31,680 for Dewees House project
      - c. Approve use of \$22,572 from capital reserves/ODR and \$9,108 from capital reserves/operating budget
    - motion to ratify made by Cliff, 2nd Martha, 1 abstention by Russell Wilcox, all other members approved
    - looking into grants for churches to help with the work on the Chapel of the Cross
    - Dick would like an RFP process to publicize projects needed online; Heath suggested using an online service he has used in the past

- just signed contract for fire extinguishers in COTR
  - AC units in Ed Bldg were shorting out
  - big project for next year is lights for outdoor walkways, discussion of lights as part of master plan
  - Carlene came up with a concoction to get rid of Asian beetles
  - will put together wish list of projects
- Senior Warden's Report: Cliff Agnew
  - finance committee did a great job with the budget; makes it a much more streamlined process for vestry
  - thanks to Martha for an awesome Christmas in the Country!
- Tom's Tidbits
  - Lay Eucharistic Minister License
  - motion to approve Rachel Newman as lay eucharistic minister made by Ellen, 2nd Becky, unanimous approval
  - security committee looking at options for cameras around the campus
- Martha's Mentions: Christmas in the Country Debrief
  - over 1,300 cars came through
  - \$11,150 donated
  - planning to keep 2 nights vs 3 for next year
- The Rector's Ruminations
  - Youth Minister
    - Uriah will move in Jan. 3; youth will help
  - Stewardship
    - average pledge was up \$200
    - 33 new pledges, 63 increased pledges
  - Vestry Nominations
    - 7 people nominated to run for vestry
  - Annual Council
    - will be held January 30-31; delegates are Cliff, Dick, and Meredith
  - Christmas Eve
    - services at 3:00 for children, 5:00, and 10:30
    - Christmas Day service at 10:30 am
- New Business
  - The Election of the Junior Warden
    - nominee: Dick Dickinson for a 1-year term
    - Unanimous approval
  - The Election of the Senior Warden
    - nominee: Becky Herren for a 2-year term
    - Unanimous approval
- Compline: Dick Dickinson
- Adjournment
  - motion to adjourn made by Cliff, 2nd Dick, unanimous approval