

Christ Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Vestry
Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Present: The Rev'd Joanna P. Hollis, Rector; Rector's Warden Paul Ambos; People's Warden Sheila Cooper; Vestrymembers Beth Binde, Andrea Cunnell, Carole Forsythe, Judith Kuldinow, Effie Lamptey, Debra Lowe, Artie Phillips, and Melisande Skillicorn

Absent: Vestrymembers Kelly Bogan, Gerri Callahan, and Andy Murphy

Also Present: Treasurer Jonathan Gloster (via telephone), Mel Garber

Rector the Reverend Joanna P. Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with opening prayer by Vestrymember Beth Binde.

Dwelling in the Word was on Matthew 10:24–39.

The chair appointed Warden Paul Ambos as Secretary of the Meeting

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014: Mr. Ambos moved acceptance of the minutes, which motion was carried (Vestrymembers Skillicorn and Kuldinow abstaining).

Correspondence: Rev. Hollis reported on correspondence received from Sarah Luke dated June 2 offering her resignation from the vestry effective June 2014, since she is relocating to take a position with Wayne State University in Michigan. Mr. Ambos moved that her resignation be accepted with regret and with thanks for her service to the parish, which motion was passed unanimously. Rev. Hollis announced that she had nominated, and that the wardens had unanimously approved, Melbourne Garber to serve as substitute Vestrymember until the next regular vestry meeting following the next Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jonathan Gloster reviewed his written Treasurer's Report to the Vestry, June 10, 2014 Meeting (May 2014 report). Mr. Gloster reported that income is \$5,000 short of projections to date. He will address the pledge shortfall in the Close Call newsletter. He noted that the Music Fund Soiree Dinner income does not appear on the report, since the Music Fund is separate. Expenses are also above projections, resulting in a \$11,821.54 shortfall compared to income. The parish did receive the final payment of \$20,620.40 on the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant, which will be applied to reduce the balance on the PNC Bank line of credit that was used for the exterior restoration project. In response to a question from Mr. Ambos, Mr. Gloster advised that the new accounting software should be operational within the next few weeks, and hopefully by July 1. Mr. Ambos moved to accept the report and file for audit, which motion passed unanimously.

Reports by Title

Rector's Report: Rev. Hollis submitted a written Rector's Vestry Report, June 2014.

Committee Reports

Pastoral Care: Chair Gerri Callahan submitted a written report. Rev. Hollis noted that six to seven people, including some from both Sunday services, had volunteered for the Stephen Ministries program.

Stewardship: Chair Andy Murphy submitted a written report. Rev. Hollis noted that a letter would be going out in the next week on the "cottage meeting" program.

Finance: Chair Carole Forsythe submitted a written report.

Old Business

Highland Park Street Fair: Chair Beth. Binde submitted a written report. This may have been more a sharing time for participating parishioners than an effective outreach to the public, but future efforts might be more effective. She is looking for volunteers to staff a table at the New Brunswick Ciclovía on July 12, and possibly also for the next one in October. Vestrymember Judith Kuldinow noted that her daughter had a positive experience and (other than Inori) was the only youth member there; this could be a good outreach project for the Youth Groups. Discussion followed on the possible ways to better incorporate children and youth into church services and the life of the parish generally.

New Business

Vestry Announcement Rota: Warden Sheila Cooper distributed an updated schedule, noting that if anyone needs to negotiate an exchange to advise Julia Utz of who is your substitute

Archdeacon Peter Cornell: Rev. Hollis advised that a letter of agreement had not yet been entirely agreed on. It will provide, however, that he will be present for two Sundays and month plus staff meetings, but not vestry meetings. .

Topics on the Mind of the Vestry: Rev. Hollis congratulated reporting committee chairs for getting their reports submitted to the office in time for distribution.

Music Committee Co-Chair Andrea Cunnell distributed a report on the Music Soirees, which garnered \$6,240 for the Music Fund. While there was fellowship and funds raised, this total did not take into account what the sponsors spent on preparing the dinners, so this could not be a long-term fundraising strategy.

Fellowship Committee Co-Chair Melisande Skillicorn asked for additional volunteers to cover the Independence Day Celebration to be held July 4 at 11:00.

Mel Garber thanked the vestry for his appointment, which he had prayerfully considered. Vestrymembers welcomed him aboard.

The meeting adjourned on consent with Compline at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Ambos
Secretary of the Meeting