

Christ Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Vestry
Saturday, February 7, 2015

Present: The Rev'd Joanna P. Hollis; Rector's Warden Artie Phills; People's Warden Sheila Cooper, Vestry members John Ager, Beth Binde, Austin Cooper, Andrea Cunnell, Carole Forsythe, Mel Garber, Mervis Johnson, Effie Lamptey, Andy Murphy, Melisande Skillicorn

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015: People's Warden Sheila Cooper moved to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: The Rev'd Joanna P. Hollis reported no correspondence.

Nominations and Elections:

Clerk of the Vestry – Debra Lowe

Treasure – Jonathan Gloster

Assistant Treasurer – Eric Sanders

People's Warden Sheila Cooper moved to accept the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports by Title

None Scheduled

Committee Reports

None Scheduled

New Business

Vestry Committee Assignments: Rev. Hollis referred to the Opening Prayer and Committee Reports document and stated that question marks (?) can be removed from the document. No one has approached Rev. Hollis to be appointed to another committee. Vestry members should let Rev. Hollis know if they add people to their committee. Vestry members should take note of dates for both Opening Prayers and Reports and send reports to Julia Utz the Wednesday or Thursday before the Regular Vestry Meeting.

Finance: Carole Forsythe discussed that PNC Bank has asked for new application forms for everyone who signs financial documents. The signers are: Carole Forsythe, Artie Phills, Sheila Cooper, Jonathan Gloster and Eric Sanders. Ms. Forsythe will ask those members to complete a form after the meeting.

Sunday Announcements: As a result of feedback received from a few Vestry Members, Sheila Cooper met with Rev. Hollis and came up with two options for Sunday announcements. One option was to split services and rotate making the announcements. Each Vestry member would be on the schedule every 6-7 weeks. The other option is to continue with the same schedule – rotate making announcements for both services. Each Vestry member would be on the schedule every 13 weeks. Rev. Hollis would continue to highlight areas on the bulletin that we should focus on and leave it in the back of the church

with our names on it. Another option suggested by a Vestry member was to include the entire leadership team in the rotation. Rev. Hollis said that because they are not present to vote, she would ask them in April when we all are together again.

The vote was three (3) for the first option and nine (9) for the second option. We will continue the same schedule to rotate making announcements for both services.

Rev. Hollis informed us that Chizoba Nwankwo is applying for ordination to Diaconate. She asked us to sign the form that will be sent to the Diocese of New Jersey. All Vestry members consented.

Topics on the Mind of the Vestry: Rev. Hollis stated that she met with the choir on Thursday, February 5, 2015 to hear their thoughts and concerns about no longer having paid section leaders. She will share their thoughts with the Vestry members at the next meeting in March.

There is still one chairperson needed for the Vestry: Newcomer/Inclusion. Rev. Hollis will be meeting with someone this week to discuss the position and responsibilities. She will also have a description included in Parish Notes. She would like someone on board by March.

Rev. Hollis mentioned that the Vestry will be offered anti-racism training. The Diocese offers overnight training a few times per year. Rev. Hollis is required to attend one every five years. She will check to see if there is a session offered on Saturdays. In addition, she will speak with the Executive Committee to see if this should be a requirement for the Vestry.

Artie Phills mentioned that the Committee document will be updated as David Burns' name is listed for fundraising, but he is not active. Mr. Phills will also send a copy of the updated By-laws and asked that we pay special attention to the section on attendance.

Andy Murphy mentioned that since the annual meeting, he had an additional pledge card submitted and another member raised their pledge.

Sheila Cooper reminded everyone that the Pancake Dinner is on Tuesday, February 17, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It is a fundraiser to benefit the church. You don't have to dine in, you can take-out as well.

Rev. Hollis mentioned that on Ash Wednesday, February 18, she will be at the New Brunswick train station giving "Ashes to Go" from 7 AM to 8 AM. Mother Joyce will be at the College Avenue Campus bus stop at Rutgers University.

Rev. Hollis thanked everyone in advance for attending the Black Heritage Celebration taking place tonight, February 7.

The meeting adjourned on consent with Compline.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra P. Lowe
Clerk of the Vestry