

Christ Episcopal Parish Vestry
MINUTES
August 27, 2024

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom, and all members were present. An opening prayer was offered, and thanks were given for our newest parishioners.

The draft agenda was adopted with the addition of one item, which will be item 6.g, discussion of the Sacred Ground program.

Approval of the June minutes was deferred in order for all members to review them and for revision of language concerning the financial reports to be updated.

The June financial report was reviewed and approved during the July Vestry retreat.

The July financial report was reviewed, of note:

- Outreach has spent approximately \$10,000 more than anticipated for the month due to various projects, this is scalable spending in support of the Parish's mission.
- Parish maintenance spent \$5,500 more than budgeted due to several emergent repairs and grounds maintenance issues.
- Due to several large donations and underspending in several areas our bottom line is \$276,000 ahead of anticipated.
- Due to recent mail theft, a new operating account has been opened and the majority of the operating fund transferred. The Treasurer has worked with our bank and the Postal Service to report the theft and take remedial action.

The July financial report was approved as submitted.

The property report was given by the Junior Warden. Of note:

- The Vestry approved an expenditure of \$5000 to paint the exterior of the preschool building.
- The Vestry reviewed three contractor bids to repair the roof over Memorial Hall, the education building and the steeple. Brax roofing service was selected, the Senior Warden will liaise with Brax and Parish entities to accomplish this work.
- A review of the state-of-play with regard to repairing or replacing the heading, vacuum and air conditioning system was provided and the decision was made to contract an independent engineering firm to conduct a review of the system and provide updated system diagrams and recommendations for rehabilitation of this system. The Wardens will work with the selected engineering firm, CSE services, to accomplish this assessment.
- The vestry voted virtually to allocate \$1,800 for the vestry retreat.
- The vestry voted virtually to allocate \$875 to trim trees near the preschool building.
- The vestry voted virtually to allocate \$3200 to correct leaky valves above the dining room restrooms.
- Emily Pearce provided an overview of the Sacred Grounds program, highlighting the relationship with other regional parishes and the National Wildlife Federation. Information for parishioners and interested community members to participate will be promulgated via e-mail and Parish update messages.

The Head of School report was provided, the school now has 103.86 FTE's registered for this year, which is above the budget control number of 102. The first day of school was August 27. Reverend Aaron Dunn has been contracted to lead five chapel services every two weeks for the school

Two rooms on campus will be named in order to recognize the service of Parish community members, specifically, the Crampton Dining Room and the McDuffie Learning Hall.

Upcoming events:

- Welcoming Scouts BSA – Sep 3 at 7:30 pm
- Welcome Back Sunday – Sep 8
- Sunday School Opens – Sep 15
- Memorial Brick Campaign – Sep 29-Oct 20 – bricks will be available prior to the feast of all souls
- The Baptism of Henry Albert Brick-Pope – Sep 29
- Parish Book Club launch – Oct 4 with Bishop Mariann Budde moderating
- The Feast of St Francis – Oct 6
- Parish Ministry Fair – Oct 13

The next vestry meeting will be on September 24 at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. The early meeting time is in order to review committees and assignments for the 300th Anniversary celebration.

There was an ad hoc discussion of Pink in the Pews and future activities for the Parish Women's Group.

A closing prayer was offered and the meeting was adjourned.