

Christ Episcopal Church, Rockville, MD
Vestry Minutes
Jan. 23, 2024, 7-8:30pm in the Parish House

Present: Fr. Tim Carr (Rector), Bryant Trost (Senior Warden), Matthew Salter (Junior Warden), Bill Hickman (Treasurer), Jeremy Snider, Emily Correll, Victor Ban, Rose Buck, Emily Pearce

Opening

An opening prayer was provided, and the agenda for the January meeting was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of December Minutes

The December minutes were reviewed via email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the December minutes was seconded and passed.

December Financial Report

We will end the year with an \$87K budget surplus. The only discussion of the budget was to modify the January-December 2023 pledge income entry to read "\$495,127" to correct a clerical error.

The December financial report, as amended per above, was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to carry over the 2023 budget surplus toward 2024 campus upkeep and repair expenditures was approved by unanimous vote.

Stewardship

Victor provided an update on 2024 stewardship efforts; as of January 18, we had reached about 89% of our revised goal of \$550 K, representing 127 pledges. As of January 23, we are up to 132 pledges.

The vestry expressed appreciation for the stewardship committee.

Annual Meeting Agenda review

The vestry reviewed the agenda for the Jan. 28, 2024 annual meeting. The goal is to focus on forward-looking engagement with parishioners – growth, preservation, connection.

2024 Budget

The school's shared use contribution was adjusted from \$169 K to \$159 K; resulting net operating income is approximately \$17 K.

The vestry voted to approve the 2024 budget, as amended.

School Report

Enrollment is at 126 students, translating into 113.4 FTEs, which is 5.4 FTEs over budget. Strong mid-year enrollment. So far, 20 additional applications received for next year. First ever international night is upcoming. *Roman Holiday* is the theme of the gala. Tuition will be increased by ~6% to help fund a counselor position for the school.

Property report

Leak in the server room has been fixed, and the heating is fine. We have applied for funds to cover additional expenditures.

Vestry organizational meeting for the new vestry

The vestry discussed scheduling a Feb. 3, 10 AM meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities prior to the next vestry meeting.

Scout Sunday – Feb. 4

The vestry discussed arrangements for welcoming and directing traffic prior to the service. Pancake breakfast made by the scouts will be available for those who make goodwill donations in the dining hall. The vestry voted to donate the day’s loose plate offering (excluding any amounts expressly designated for CEC) to help fund scouts’ trip to Utah.

Visit by Bishop Budde

Bishop visit is scheduled for Feb. 11. Father Tim reviewed logistics.

Next in-person meeting

The date of the next in-person meeting was confirmed as Feb. 27.

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A closing prayer was offered, following which there was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and passed.