

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2024 VESTRY MEETING

Approved

Rev. Joanna Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Joanna Hollis; Sheila Cooper; Rector's Warden; Meegan Adames; Gordon Arsenoff; Wendy Benjamin; Jonathan Clark; Jim Nichols

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Daphne Roberts, Dcn.

ABSENT: Mark McMahon, People's Warden

DISCIPLESHIP

Opening Prayer was led by Gordon Arsenoff.

Dwelling in the Word: *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

Vestry Retreat June 28 & 29

The Rev. Canon Stephen Connor, Canon to the Ordinary will lead the retreat. Rev. Joanna has asked members to provide their views on retreat activities, specific topics, etc. This information will be shared with Rev. Connor to assist him preparing for our time together.

STEWARDSHIP

Property Updates

Jim Nichols attended a workshop at Trinity, Wall Street which included the utilization of church properties for the unhoused, etc. They will fund a feasibility study for us at no cost. Repairs are underway for the window in the Choir Room. Thanks to all who showed up for the Parish Work Day.

Raffle Tickets

Sheila Cooper will have raffle tickets for members to sell (10 each). Ticket price is \$10 each with only 500 tickets printed. This Super 50/50 will be drawn on July 4, 2024.

Rental Request

Rev. Joanna reviewed the request and invited comments and concerns from members. Additional information is needed from the group requesting the space. Issues include sexton availability, length of the performance dates, as well as wear and tear on the property.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Acceptance of the April meeting minutes

Sheila Cooper moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Meegan Adames and carried with one abstention.

Financial Report

Meegan Adames reviewed the financial reports. The financial reports were reviewed and received, subject to audit.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

- Jonathan Clark commented and questioned the number of parish volunteers supporting the Choice Pantry. Members suggested informing parishioners of the need for additional support through all available channels.
- Jim Nichols suggested a specific outreach during holidays, etc. to “friends of CCNB.”
- Gordon Arsenoff joined Fr. Scott Russell at Canterbury House for Rutgers Day. He suggested discerning how Christ Church and Canterbury House can support the greater New Brunswick citizenry (including students).
- Sheila Cooper reminded members of the upcoming Dine to Donate at Fritz’s on Monday, May 20th.

Key Topics

- The Vestry discussed obtaining funding from Trinity Wall Street for a feasibility study on renovating 7 Paterson Street for use. This study will provide specific information for moving forward with a project.
- The Vestry Retreat is coming at the end of June so some time was spent gathering answers to specific guiding questions that will make this time together fruitful.
- Vestry members have committed to supporting the 50/50 Raffle by taking tickets to sell. Did you get your tickets yet?

Compline was led by Gordon Arsenoff.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ann Schwarz
Recording Secretary