CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2024 VESTRY MEETING

APPROVED

Rev. Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Hollis, Rector; Sheila Cooper; Rector's Warden; Mark McMahon, People's Warden; Meegan Adames; Gordon Arsenoff; Wendy Benjamin; Jonathan Clark; Jim Nichols **STAFF PRESENT:** Rev. Daphne Roberts, Dcn.

DISCIPLESHIP

Opening Prayer was led by Sheila Cooper.
Dwelling in the Word: *Mark 10:17-31*

STEWARDSHIP

Property Updates

Jim Nichols reported on the following:

- Scarlet Day of Service was well attended. Rev. Scott Russell also attended and had the opportunity to engage with the students. Jim extended thanks to all those who were able to attend.
- Mark McMahon reviewed the funds received vs. overall cost of the HandiLift project. The Finance Committee will review available funds vs. final cost.
- **Renters**: We have reached an agreement with St. Mark's Coptic Church of E. Brunswick for the Nicholas Room on Saturday afternoons.
- Rev. Hollis, Mark McMahon and Jim Nichols will attend the Trinity Wall St. conference in midNovember to investigate grant funding for a feasibility study of the campus.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Acceptance of the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes

Meegan Adames moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gordon Arsenoff and carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Meegan Adames presented the reports. The reports were reviewed and received, subject to audit. The Vestry voted to approve a withdrawal of $23,000 from the DIT account for 2024.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

- Rev. Hollis' trip to MA has been canceled.
- Mark McMahon noted that our sexton, Carlos, was recognized in new book about New Brunswick, specifically the CCNB grounds.

- Rev. Hollis and Rev. Roberts will begin a series of Grief Support gathering next week on Zoom from 67pm
- Rev. Hollis has spoken to Rev. Sal Ros of St. Alban's with a goal toward applying for a bilingual social work intern.

Key Topics

- The Vestry is pleased to share that we are only $15,000 away from our goal for the Handilift repair, in part due to some generous donors. There is an opportunity to finish the work if you want to make a one-time donation.
- The Vestry, in discussing the financial health of our organization, reminds everyone to pledge for the 2025 Stewardship Campaign either through the Google Form link in the weekly email or the paper pledge form at the back of the church.
- Please also continue paying your 2024 pledge to ensure the continuation of our mission and ministry.

Compline was led by Sheila Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ann Schwarz
Recording Secretary