CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2024 VESTRY MEETING

Approved

Rev. Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Hollis, Rector; Sheila Cooper; Rector's Warden; Mark McMahon, People's
Warden; Gordon Arsenoff; Wendy Benjamin; Jonathan Clark; Jim Nichols

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Daphne Roberts, Dcn.

ABSENT: Meegan Adames

DISCIPLESHIP
Opening Prayer was led by Mark McMahon.
Dwelling in the Word: *John 6:51-58*

STEWARDSHIP
Property Updates
Jim Nichols reported on the following:

- We had a very encouraging meeting with the team from Trinity, Wall St. relative to rehabilitation of 5 Paterson St.
- The Saturday rental of the Nicholas Room is close to reaching an agreement.
- We now have the funds to upgrade the HandiLift, and are currently formulating a plan to complete the project.

Music
The Music Minister has applied for a grant to repair the small organ in the front of the church. With the denial of the grant request, the project will be funded by our Organ Repair Fund. She would also like to hire one choir section leader funded through the music budget for the remainder of the year. The 2025 expense will be included as part of the music budget request.

Stewardship Committee
Sheila Cooper has ordered and placed banners with this year's theme, and is currently working on setting the calendar schedule.

Garden Party
Rev. Hollis expressed her gratitude to all those that have worked on this community project. Press releases have been sent, a DJ has been hired, and a grant requested.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Acceptance of the June 11, 2024 meeting minutes
Mark McMahon moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gordon Arsenoff and carried with one abstention.

Financial Report
Mark McMahon reviewed the reports provided by Meegan Adames. The reports were reviewed and received, subject to audit.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

- Rev. Hollis expressed her thanks for her vacation time, and for the clergy that celebrated for the 3 Sundays she was away. She also shared that she may be called home to Bermuda to help care for her father for aproximately one week.

Key Topics

- The Vestry is excited to be holding our Garden Party on Aug.24 as a way to illustrate our place in the community. Please come with a friend to enjoy time together!
- A property update and thank you! Jonathan Clark worked multiple days to make a bench in the garden sturdy. Come sit for a spell and enjoy the garden.
- Discussions between a few Vestry members and Trinity Wall Street were had as a possible avenue for a future vision for 5 Paterson. While no decisions have been made, the possibility of collaboration is exciting!

Compline was led by Mark McMahon.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ann Schwarz
Recording Secretary