CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2025 VESTRY MEETING

Approved

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Hollis, Rector; Mark McMahon, Rector's Warden; Jonathan Gloster, People's Warden; Meegan Adames Gordon Arsenoff; Jonathan Clark; Eleanor Forbes; Debra Lowe; Jim Nichols

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Daphne Roberts, Dcn.

DISCIPLESHIP

Opening Prayer was led by Jonathan Gloster

Dwelling in the Word *John 6:25-40*

Scheduling Vestry Retreat

Rev. Joanna led a discussion with members regarding plans for a vestry retreat. The discussion included the type of retreat would be helpful in terms of topic and what it would look like; location options were also discussed (staying local or perhaps and overnight visit to the convent in Mendham; a book study is also an option.

STEWARDSHIP

Search for Stewardship Chair

This position is no longer represented by a Vestry Member. A ministry description was provided to members, with Rev. Joanna requesting active help from current membership to uncover a parishioner who has the ability and willingness to take on this work. Joanna will schedule a group discernment for those individuals that vestry members have spoken with.

PERSONNEL

Safe Church Training

Safe Church Training is required for all vestry members, ministry chairs, and staff. The course can now be completed online.

OUTREACH

Spring Events

Mark McMahon requested members consider the type of event(s) we should start with in the spring. It is hoped that going forward, parish events will tie in with 4th Century Goals and Renewal Works

REGULAR BUSINESS

Acceptance of the February 11, 2024 meeting minutes

Gordon Arsenoff moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mark McMahon. The motion carried without objection.

Financial Report

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

Key Topics

• A discussion was held on identifying candidates to lead the Stewardship efforts for this year. Vestry members will talk with certain individuals to help up discern the best approach for Christ Church.

• The Vestry celebrated the return of heat to the Sanctuary. Two new boilers were installed at a total cost of a little over $40,000. Insurance has already reimbursed us for almost $28,000 of the total expense, resulting in a net cost of a little over $12,000 for the parish.

• A lively discussion was held on scheduling events for spring and summer at the church. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in this process, please contact a Vestry member.

Closing prayer was led by Jonathan Gloster.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 8:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Ann Schwarz

Recording Secretary