Vestry Meeting

Christ Church, Episcopal

July 12, 2018

Present:

Father Cobb

Phil Johnson

Michael Thompson

Ray McMillan

Jim Hatley

Ray Barney

Joel King

Joel Ballard

John Barnes

Absent:

Nancy Poston

Call to order: 6 p.m.

Prayer led by Father Cobb

Father Cobb: Both Murchison and Franklin funerals went smoothly and were well attended.

Phil: Local tv channel 3 covered the Franklin funeral with a lot of positive publicity for Christ Church.

Discussion ensued about St. Mary the Virgin and its eventual merger (unrecognized) with Christ Church.

Father Cobb: We need to get ready for the conversation with the Bishop

What would you say to the Bishop? Write down questions related to:

What makes CC stronger and more authentic?

What do you need in a new rector to make that happen?

In terms of hiring a rector: what will that leadership ask of the parish and how will we need to respond

Father Cobb

Question one:

Joel B: Anglo-Catholic identity is important

Phil: leadership that truly leads while empowering the laity and for the Parish to recognize that leadership

Michael: need a leader that works with the parish energy and focus it in appropriate directions.

Ray B: getting younger people to join. We need a rector who can foster diversity.

Joel K: We need a spiritual leader that really believes in what the church is about, and who helps us grow in our own faith. For instance, talking more about baptismal vows. We also need a “teaching priest” meaning one who incorporates direct bible study into adult education as well as a welcome to the faith, etc.

Michael: Christ Church needs to engage more with UTC. Canterbury needs to be revitalized and the new rector needs to be involved with this ministry

Father Cobb: there is no reason why Canterbury can’t flourish while Christ Church focuses on the university community

Michael Anglo-Catholicism increasingly appeals to more younger people than was previously thought.

John: to develop a mission/parish plan/mission statement and doing a demographic overview of the congregation to help assess where it has been and where it will be going.

Michael: outlining expectations

Senior Warden (Phil) report:

Greta is situated and doing fine

Chuck said his caseworker informed him that his apartment will be ready by July 20th. The VA will be paying the deposit

Junior Warden (Nancy): Given by Michael

Roof replacement: materials have arrived and re-roofing is in progress

Canterbury: closets have been cleaned out archive room is being cleaned out and vestments will be either repurposed or shadow boxed.

Wall is getting fixed in archive room

Electrical bids are in progress

Refrigerator in the kitchen will be painted

Half door cannot be repaired and replacing it with a full door is the best option.

It is recommended that the screen door in the kitchen be removed.

Baptismal font has been repaired, cleaned, and polished

Father Cobb: For the time being, the baptismal font is to remain either in the isle or to the side in the Nave near the Narthex.

Hole in the wall in the working sacristy has been repaired

New signs have been noticed with positive feedback

Painting of the tower will begin.

Backdoors of Canterbury building need to be repainted (not red)

Michael on the bricks

Met with Ed and Suzanne from St Paul’s and they recommend the Vega corporation because their quality of work is very good. Nancy will be meeting with Vega on Thursday to look at the brick. It is generally understood that the building’s brick is good brick and it may not need to be sealed. However, cleaning is part of brick maintenance (along with the pointing).

Need to replace the Plexiglass because it is causing damage to the windows and the surrounding wood/architecture.

Rummage sale will be held on the 28th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Paperwork for the historic sign is still in progress

Phil: Behind on giving. Budget through June pledged income is 20 percent below please refer to the handout. However there was a positive response on the six-month pledge statements.

Endowment committee:

Accepted the rug from Bill M

Approved money requested by the Vestry

Will be meeting soon to discuss more gifts

Jim: remove all the trees and leave the bushes plus add some bushes. Joel K suggests that the entire root systems need to be taken out. Joel B advised that Nancy be asked about this.

Joel B: the possibility of putting in a sidewalk on the side of the church will be complicated because part of the property is owned by the Presbyterians across the street.

More information to be gathered on this situation.

It is recommended that there be permanent irrigation installed, stepping stones in the grass areas in the church garden. Irrigation guy at St. Paul’s will do this job at cost.

Please refer to the treasury report

Michael: to remind parishioners that the second Sunday of the month’s offering goes to the Vicar’s discretionary fund

Ray B

Parish life: getting money for operating expenses and determining how these funds can be used. Postponing their meeting for month.

Audrey, outreach will be gathering donation for the school uniforms

Susan took out two meals and hosted two events

Connie gave two donations for outreach

Need a kitchen committee

Joel B: Welcoming committee is looking into getting nametags for everyone…simple, printable, etc. These nametags will be kept in the building to be used every Sunday. Also, there is a need to have greeters (stand in the back and greet congregants) and to help out the ushers. Recruiting for greeters can be done through the e-letter. Regarding the greeters: this will be a two-part process. It is hoped that the greeters will be there when congregants come in through the Narthex and to help guide people to Fox Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Welcoming Committee to put together a package of info for new people that will inform them on the various committees and overall parish life. Will the vestry help out? Alline will take up the scheduling and Kathleen will take care of the “job description.” Pricing coffee mugs with Christ Church logo on it to give to new members and to sell to the congregation.

Invite, Welcome, and Connect will be coming soon to St. Paul’s.

Communications committee: New directory is here and will be coming out soon.

Asked Kathlynn about printer: wants to get a tri-fold newsletter and special bulletins. Having a problem getting into the old website. Hire someone as a social media advisor.

Stewardship: asking vestry to be involved in stewardship campaign. There will be a theme with banners. Kick off will take place on October 21 with a feast. Query all committee chairs and ask them what they want to do or have plans for in the future.

There are thirty pledging units. Giving electronically should be an option. Adult Education is expected to focus on stewardship.

Joel K: Rally day will be September 9. There is a discussion about having a Rally Day committee made up of other church committee members. Each member will be responsible for “selling” their own committee to parishioners on Rally Day.

Beginning school year event offer water bottles to the UTC students (perhaps on move-in day)

Next Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday August 9. 2018.

Closing prayer led by Father Cobb

Adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Oren Whightsel