

Christ Episcopal Church
7145 Fieldcrest Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

Vestry Meeting
April 12, 2021

Attendance

Wardens: Jack Taylor, Gloria Bryant

Vestry: Mary Brennan-Taylor, Debbie Bronschidle, Pat O. Few, Ken Miller, Ann Rucci, John Scott, Cheryl Urtel, Sue Venezia-Waddell

Clergy: The Rev. Thomas J Mitchell, The Rev. Joseph Kozlowski

Excused: Theresa McCabe,

Absent:

Other Attendees: Tim McQueen

Fr. Thomas Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and offered the opening prayer.

Minutes Approval

There were no corrections made to the minutes of our last three meetings: March 8th, 12th and 22nd. Mary Brennan-Taylor moved the 3/8/2021 minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Sue Venezia-Waddell and carried. Pat Few moved the 3/12/2021 minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Gloria Bryant and carried. Gloria Bryant moved the 3/22/2021 minutes be accepted as presented. Pat Few seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance

The finance report was given by Sue Bauer. John Scott moved the report be accepted. It was seconded by Mary Brennan-Taylor and carried. The Vestry would like to have the Finance Committee prepare a paragraph quarterly for the Harvest. It should cover our investments, anticipated expenses, and our ability to carry out our mission.

Remarks by Clergy Present

- Fr. Thomas Mitchell:
 - We will be reopening the church on April 18th. Fr. Thomas thanked everyone who helped clean.
 - Within the Deanery, there is a push for the five Lake Parishes to be more collaborative. A committee of the five churches will be formed and consist of the Rector and two lay members from each church to work on this.
 - Al Leach is now in Hospice Care at home – he is now on oxygen all the time and he is hoping God calls him soon. Gen Nelson was in the hospital last week but is now home. Barb Wallace is home after being hospitalized for pneumonia last week.
- Fr. Joseph Kozlowski: no report

Warden's Reports

- Jack Taylor – Sr. Warden: no report
- Gloria Bryant – Buildings and Ground: The church cleaning on April 11th accomplished a lot. Thanks to all who helped with the cleaning.

Vestry Reports

- Church School – Chery Urtel: about a week before Easter she sent cards to the children to say, “Hi”. She also gave each one a Bible story to look up. Church School is flexible on reopening, but it probably won’t be until the fall. It is hard to keep the students apart. They are thinking about maybe having an outdoor adventure day that would be part education and part just fun as a way to get the kids together.
- Congregational Care - Ann Rucci: Although they aren’t visiting they continue sending cards and making phone calls to those they would visit. Cindy Theurer, Barb Scott and Martha Farone are doing the calls and cards. Gloriann Hutchins also makes some calls.
- Mens Club – Ken Miller: No meetings yet, so nothing to report.
- Outreach – Gloria Bryant for Theresa McCabe: There will be a new box in Lockport soon. Mary Brennan-Taylor offered to contact the Refuge Church about placing a Blessing Box on their property. Right now there is a need for drinks during the warmer weather and protein-rich meals. They also need pasta and sauce and some baking mixes.

Old Business

- Employee Letters of Agreement – no change
- Reopening Christ – Following an extended discussion of what is needed to maintain our liability coverage in case of being sued for COVID, John Scott recommended we just follow guidelines to best of our ability with what we have. Gloria Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.
 - Fr. Thomas will submit our plan to the Diocese for approval.
 - Instructing Lay Participants – no decision.
 - Check-in: Pat Few will take registrations Monday through Thursday each week so that we have names and phone numbers for tracing. She will also ask the questions about possible exposure when they make their reservations. Temperatures will be recorded when people arrive.
 - Cleaning – no cleaning will be done other than the normal cleaning the sexton does.
 - Ushers – the Scotts will usher seating people in every other pew. At communion, one pew at a time will form a single line in the center aisle. People will leave their mask on until they return to their pew then remove the mask long enough to consume the host.
 - Temperature – Ken Miller volunteered to take temperatures.

New Business

- Lighting Proposal – Lights by Flags: Johnson Electric recommended that they replace the outdoor lights near the flag poles. The cost of the fixtures and installation will be \$681.20, and because of switching to LED lights, we will save more than that each year in electricity costs. John Scott moved we replace the lights as recommended. Sue Venezia-Waddell seconded the motion and it carried.
- Mowing Contract – Gloria Bryant presented two quotes for almost the same amount. After discussion, Debbie Bronschidle moved that we go with JWS Landscape Services since we are happy with their work. Seconded by Pat Few and carried.
- Rolling Lawns – Mat Heschke offered to roll the lawns – his donation. The Vestry thanks Mat for his generous offer. He will fit it in around his school and work schedule.

- Lock City Glee Club Request to practice at Christ Church – Following discussion, Gloria Bryant moved we permit the Lock City Glee Club to practice at Christ Church provided they keep windows open for ventilation, wipe down all high touch surfaces, use only the handicap bathroom, keep a weekly attendance (name and phone) for tracing should it be needed, also provide Christ Church with a copy of the attendance each week, fix the wheels on the equipment dollies so they don't destroy our floors again, follow all CDC recommendations, and let Christ Church know immediately should someone in the Glee Club test positive for COVID. Seconded by Pat Few and carried.

Closing

Fr. Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bauer

Office Manager

**Next Vestry Meeting:
May 10, 2021 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**May Reports:
Disaster Plan (Debbie), Inclusivity (Mary),
Mary Hunt (Pat) and Worship Planning (Fr. Thomas)**