

Christ Episcopal Church
7145 Fieldcrest Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

Vestry Meeting
June 14, 2021

Attendance

Wardens: Jack Taylor, Gloria Bryant

Vestry: Mary Brennan-Taylor, Pat O. Few, Ken Miller, Ann Rucci, John Scott

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

Excused: Debbie Bronschidle, Theresa McCabe, Sue Venezia-Waddell

Absent: Cheryl Urtel

Other Attendees: Tim McQueen

Fr. Thomas Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and offered the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes
- Finance Report
- Jack Taylor, Sr. Warden (no report submitted)
- Gloria Bryant, Jr. Warden (no report submitted)
- Landscaping – John Scott (no report submitted)
- Men's Group – Ken Miller (no report submitted)
- Parish Life – Pat Few
- Organ Updates & Repairs – Tim McQueen (no report submitted)

Fr. Thomas announced that those who didn't submit reports will be added to the July agenda. Mary Brennan-Taylor moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Gloria seconded the motion and it was approved.

Clergy Remarks

- Fr. Thomas Mitchell – reopening church is going well and we had a good coffee hour outside yesterday.
- Fr. Joe Kozlowski – no report

New Business

- Brookside Committee & 2021 season: a few people have expressed an interest in managing Brookside, so we need a chair and committee. Tim MccQueen has offered to help. One thought is that rather than the traditional rotating Episcopal priests, we also invite other religions to do some of the services. Tim has been inside (he now has a key) to look the place over. The water and septic have been disconnected. The septic tank needs to be pumped (it is just a holding tank) and there is water damage to the bathroom from a roof leak. The building is not tight, and as a result it is extremely dirty. Tim estimates it will take 10-12 people a whole day to clean it with shop vacuums and then washing everything. There is a cost associated with the repairs and opening the building and we will have more costs to close in the fall. We would typically be open July & August, so that gives us two or three weeks to get ready. No action taken.

- Finance Committee Approval – Fr. Thomas Mitchell: There was an organizational meeting last Friday (Fr. Thomas, John Scott and Sue Bauer). We have a tentative committee, but need to confirm that everyone on the list is willing to serve: John Scott has offered to be chair, and potential members are Carl Beitelshees, Hutch Hutchins, Bob Theurer, and Joanne Stanton. The members will be confirmed and brought to the Vestry for approval next month. The Finance Committee will evaluate and prioritize up-coming expenses and repairs. No action taken.
- Joint Picnic in August or September with Lake Churches – The Vestry is interested in being part of a joint picnic with the other Lake Churches. It seems like a good way to stay in touch with people we haven't seen in a long time because of COVID.
- Parking Lot Quote – Repairing the hole in the drive near Fieldcrest, sealing and restriping will make the parking lot last a couple more years without repaving. We have a quote from Gary Mays, but the Vestry wants additional quotes. No action taken.
- Tree Removal Quote – The ash trees between the garage and road are a good part dead. Gloria Bryant has a quote from Chris McComber. The Vestry wants additional quotes. No action taken.
- Interest in Collaboration with Lake Churches – Collaboration among the Lake Churches has been suggested. It would be a way to address public issues such as the environment; assisting migrant workers, non-violence; and social justice issues. As Episcopalians, we are uniquely positioned to become a leader on these issues and a potential location for meetings. This could help solidify the churches in Niagara County. Mary Brennan-Taylor moved that we be involved in the Niagara County coalition of churches. Pat Few seconded the motion and it carried.
- Stewardship Chair & Committee – Vestry needs to lead Stewardship. TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) prepares a theme, materials and programs each year that can be adapted to our church. We need a chair and committee. No action taken.
- Septic System Upgrade: The septic tank has not been pumped in three or four years and is overdue. Currently the covers are about 18 and 36 inches below the surface of the ground so risers need to be installed to put the covers at ground level. Gloria has one quote for \$350 to install the risers + \$200 for cleaning plus \$150 if the baffles need to be replaced. Additional quotes will be obtained. Mary Brennan-Taylor moved that we go ahead with repairs for a total not to exceed \$700 or the issue will come back to the Vestry. Ann Rucci seconded the motion and it carried.
- NA Wednesday Evenings: John Scott recommended that NA return to Christ Church on Wednesday evenings. Gloria seconded the motion and it carried. They will clean high-touch surfaces then the building will be empty a few days before we are back on the weekends.
- Office Hours – Fr. Thomas announced the office will reopen on June 27th after working from home. Office hours will be Sunday through Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Old Business

- Employee Letters of Agreement: The draft letters of agreement have been located.

- Review Reopening Christ Church & changes we need to make: Reopening is going well, so this is no longer a concern.

Closing

Fr. Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bauer
Office Manager

**Next Vestry Meeting:
July 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

July Reports (Due to office by 7/5/2021)

Minutes – Sue Bauer
Finance – Sue Bauer
Jack Taylor, Sr. Warden
Gloria Bryant, Jr. Warden
Disaster Plan – Debbie Bronschidle
Landscaping – John Scott
Men’s Group – Ken Miller
Organ Updates & Repairs – Tim McQueen