

Christ Episcopal Church
7145 Fieldcrest Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

Vestry Meeting
August 9, 2021

Attendance

Wardens: Jack Taylor, Gloria Bryant

Vestry: Debbie Bronschidle, Pat O. Few, Ken Miller, John Scott, Cheryl Urtel, Sue Venezia-Waddell

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

Excused: Mary Brennan-Taylor

Absent: Theresa McCabe, Ann Rucci

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

Consent Agenda

- Minutes
- Finance Report
- Gloria Bryant, Jr. Warden
- Finance Committee – John Scott
- Parish Life – Pat Few
- Congregational Care – submitted for Ann Rucci by Cindy Theurer
- No reports submitted for the following:
 - Jack Taylor, Sr. Warden
 - Landscaping – John Scott
 - Men's Group – Ken Miller
 - Church School & Youth – Cheryl Urtel
 - Inclusivity – Mary Brennan-Taylor
 - Worship Planning – Fr. Thomas Mitchell

Gloria is hearing a lot of complaints about the lack of cleaning throughout the building. John Scott found someone in Buffalo who specializes in copper and slate and who will come look at the church gutters in three to four weeks and prepare a quote. The Parish Life dinner was great, but it is always the same people even though we strive to get more people involved. Fr. Thomas is concerned about the safety of our children who are all too young to be vaccinated if we start Church School. Pat Few moved we accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Debbie Bronschidle and carried.

Remarks by Clergy Present

- Fr. Thomas Mitchell: Fr. Thomas has to go to Washington, DC for three days and will not be here Sunday, October 10th. Fr. Joe will try to rearrange his schedule to do supply that day.
- Fr. Joseph Kozlowski: Robin has been approved to become a postulant for the Diaconate, which is an important step in the process. She will be taking about three years of online courses starting this fall. Christ Church will be keeping her in prayer throughout this part of the process. Fr. Joe also reminded us that Christ Church will have some financial responsibility during this phase of the process toward the Diaconate.

New Business

- Deposit IRS check? Last year we received a rejection to our ERC application for the second quarter of 2020 and a check at just about the same time. The Vestry voted to contact the IRS for further direction. A letter dated October 1, 2020 was sent, but the IRS keeps sending letters saying they need another 60 days to resolve the question. The problem is that the check is about to expire. Gloria Bryant moved we deposit the check now and take appropriate action when the IRS reaches a decision. Debbie Bronschidle seconded the motion and it carried.
- Ushers Needed: We need ushers for both services. If you know of anyone who would like to usher, please let the office know.
- Facility Use: Glee Club – Monday evenings, Chorale – Tuesday evenings, and the New Century Ladies Club would like to meet at Christ Church (see the application forms for details). John Scott moved that we welcome all three groups back to Christ Church with the understanding that as COVID conditions change we may need to change this decision. We will also recommend that each group be aware of who is participating in case COVID tracing should be required – Christ Church is not responsible for that. Seconded by Sue Venezia-Waddell and carried.

Old Business

- Employee Letters of Agreement: We need to start working on the 2022 letters soon.
- Fill for Front Wall: When the front wall is removed, we will need topsoil to slope from the front patio down to ground level to ensure that no one falls off. Gary May gave us a quote for \$1200 to supply the topsoil and grade it. Debbie Bronschidle moved we accept the quote. Pat Few seconded the motion and it carried.
- Tree Removal Quotes: We have new quotes for removing the three dead elm trees west of the garage. For \$2175 Lakeshore Tree Service will remove the trees flush with the ground so you can mow over the stumps and take everything away. Gloria Bryant moved we accept Lakeshore's quote. Seconded by Sue Venezia-Waddell and it passed.

Closing

Fr. Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bauer
Office Manager

**Next Vestry Meeting:
September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**September Reports:
Both Wardens, Minutes, and Finance
Landscaping – John Scott
Finance Committee – John Scott
Outreach – Theresa McCabe**