

Christ Episcopal Church
7145 Fieldcrest Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

Vestry Meeting
October 11, 2021

Attendance

Wardens: Jack Taylor, Gloria Bryant

Vestry: Mary Brennan-Taylor, Pat O. Few, Theresa McCabe, Ken Miller, John Scott, Cheryl Urtel, Sue Venezia-Waddell

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

Excused: Debbie Bronschidle

Absent: Ann Rucci

Fr. Thomas Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and offered the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda -- John Scott made a motion to accept all items. Sue Venezia-Waddell seconded the motion and it carried.

- Minute
- Finance Report – Sue Bauer added that we just received two letters from the IRS stating that the Employee Retention Credit checks the Post Office returned saying they could not be delivered should arrive in four to six weeks.
- Junior Warden (Buildings & Grounds) – Gloria Bryant
- Parish Life – Pat Few
- Following Reports not Received:
 - Senior Warden – Jack Taylor
 - Finance Committee – John Scott
 - Disaster Plan – Debbie Bronschidle
 - Men’s Group – Ken Miller

Clergy Remarks

- Fr. Thomas Mitchell – Fr. Thomas read resignation letter from Sue Bauer. We need to find a replacement as soon as possible. Convention starts October 14th with the business sessions. There were two home baptisms on Sunday. He also visited Ann Marie who turned 100 Sunday to give her a birthday blessing and communion. He said she was delightful and it was a wonderful visit.
- Fr. Joe Kozlowski – There was a letter from the Diocese today stating that the Partnership evaluation period has been extended two years to make up for the time that was overwhelmed by Covid -19. Dealing with the pandemic made it impossible to do a reasonable evaluation of the partnership.

New Business

- Our response to increasing COVID transmissions
 - Our Church – it is a Diocesan requirement that whenever children under 12 are present everyone must wear a mask to protect those who cannot yet receive a vaccine. Likewise masks are required when singing. In general, masks and social distancing are recommended for fully vaccinated, but not required. Those who are not fully vaccinated

- must wear a mask at all times in our facility. We will summarize our Covid-19 protocol in the bulletin each Sunday.
- Outside Groups – Fr. Thomas will sign a letter to all the outside groups using the facilities restating our Covid-19 protocol and stating that they are welcome to use our facilities as long as they abide by the guidelines.
 - Motion: Mary Brennan-Taylor moved that we accept the Covid-19 Protocol as shown above and that a letter signed by Fr. Thomas be sent to all groups using our building. Theresa McCabe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with John Scott abstaining.
 - Glee Club & Chorale Christmas Concert at Christ Church: 12/10/2021; exact time TBD but need building for about 4-5 hours; *No Concert if Masks are Required* – The Covid-19 protocol letters to the Glee Club and Chorale will thank the organizations for offering to do a concert, but state that everyone using our facility must follow our guidelines, and masks are required when singing.
 - NA: New Year’s Eve Party request – Gloria Bryant made a motion to accept NA’s request for a party on New Year’s Eve. The holidays are extremely difficult for anyone trying to recover from an addiction and this safe event is an important part of the support group. Theresa McCabe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Sue Venezia-Waddell abstaining.
 - 2022 Vestry Elections: Father Thomas created a Nominating Committee consisting of those who have expiring terms. He also reminded the Committee that we need profiles and pictures of all candidates 30 days before Annual meeting. The Nominating Committee is: Jack Taylor, Ken Miller, Mary Brennan-Taylor, and John Scott.
 - Advisory on discrimination and equality (not the name of programs, only a description): The Diocese has asked that each church provide two people for one meeting to be an advisory committee for the Diocesan programs on discrimination equal rights. The Christ Church delegates will be Mary Brennan-Taylor and Fr. Thomas Mitchell.
 - Streaming – There are issues with Internet access causing poor quality on YouTube and also issues with selecting music that can’t be streamed and can’t even be included in an online bulletin. The music selection issue needs to be addressed if Christ Church decides to stream services in the future. At this point streaming will be discontinued because there is no one to do it.
 - Children’s Service – Gloria Bryant moved that we include the children more in services on the third Sunday each month. We want to keep our young people involved in church. Sue Venezia-Waddell seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business

- Employee Letters of Agreement – postponed

Closing

Fr. Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bauer

Office Manager

Next Vestry Meeting:

November 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Reports for November: Wardens, Church School & Youth – Cheryl Urtel,
Finance Committee --- John Scott, Mary Hunt – Pat Few, and Worship
Planning – Fr. Thomas Mitchell**