



**ATTENDEES:**

Present: The Rev. Brian Cannaday	Jane Montgomery	Cheryl Tolbert
Sonny Morrison	Susan Hill	David Crouch
Sam Owens	Kyle Farmer	Eric Zapp
Katie Gardner	Will Hensel	Melodie Keener

The monthly meeting of the St. Christopher Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order with prayer by Fr. Brian.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the motion to unanimously approve an Eagle Scout proposal taken by email vote after the March meeting should be added to the April minutes. A motion was made by Will Hensel and seconded by Katie Gardner to approve the March minutes as presented. Vote: unanimous.

**Sr. Warden** – No report.

**Jr. Warden** – David, Kyle, Sonny and Dan Keener will be having regular meetings regarding campus maintenance. They're asking for suggestions, and so far there are 17 items on the list for consideration and prioritization. There have been issues with landscaping contractors. Dan and Pete Montgomery are being asked to suggest contractors for regular maintenance. The community garden is in bad shape. Ally is no longer a part of our congregation, and no one in the church is willing to volunteer for upkeep. Kyle and Fr. Brian did a walk-through of the interior of the building to identify maintenance issues.

**Membership** – Several vestry members are still working on their all-member canvass lists. If we are unable to reach members on our list, the names should be forwarded to Jane or Julie to follow up. Jane will ask permission to use pictures she took on Easter to fill in the blanks on Breeze. If we are having problems contacting members by phone, we can try e-mail.

**Christian Education** –Katie will be attending Christian education classes in the coming month. She will give a report at next month's meeting.

**Worship** – Beginning May 2nd, we will once again conduct the 8:00 Rite I, the 10:00 Rite II, and the 11:30 Contemporary services on Sunday morning. Fr. Brian will conduct all three services.

New technical equipment is now in place. Praise goes to Greg Decker for his leadership in this project.

**Rector Report** - Fr. Brian reported that the third meeting of the Executive Task Force has been held. A list of people and businesses with which to develop relationships has been created, and contacts will begin May 1st.

The Bishop will issue more directives regarding COVID restrictions once we are at low to no community spread. It's possible that the current restrictions will remain in place through yearend.

Fr. Brian requested a sabbatical beginning on Nov. 15, 2021 thru Feb. 15, 2022. Two weeks for each year served is routinely granted. The sabbatical is needed for rest, rejuvenation, spiritual reconfiguration, and family. Upon approval, a Sabbatical Committee will be formed and begin meeting in May to help craft the time away from the church. Fr. Jim will

step in to fill the priest and pastoral role. He will give a “discount” Diocesan rate of \$250-300 per Sunday paid from the supply and reserve accounts. We also have funds dedicated to education, and Fr. Brian will be applying for a \$7500 grant from the Diocese. He does not plan to travel. The staff will handle day-to-day operations. After discussing the request, Jane Montgomery moved, seconded by Eric Zapp that Fr. Brian to grant a sabbatical beginning November 15, 2021 thru February 15, 2022. Vote: unanimous.

**New Business** – St. Chris logo wear is now available for purchase. The shirts are free advertising for the church. Melodie has ordered a t-shirt sample for Fr. Brian to try.

**Old Business** – A request was made by one of our scouts to complete the building of a supply box on our campus. The box will be for people to give or take food and necessities as needed. The scouts will monitor the box for a few months, and then the maintenance and upkeep will be the church’s responsibility. The request went out to the vestry via email, and the vote was to unanimously approve the project. The box will be built on the St. Christopher median between the sidewalk and parking lot.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Eric Zapp reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. We are doing very well. Income is up, and expenses are running low. Cash flow is up \$25,000. Will Hensel made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, seconded by Melodie Keener. Vote: unanimous.

There being no further business before the Vestry, the meeting closed with prayer by Will Hensel. Eric Zapp moved, seconded by Jane Montgomery to close the meeting. Vote: unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.