Christ Church Vestry Meeting  
February 22, 2022 – via Zoom  

**Evening Prayer** at 6:40 p.m. was led by the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons  

**Attending**  
Clergy: Noelle York-Simmons, Lauren Banks  
2022: Marilyn Bromley, Bob Cady, Carol Donlan (Sr. Warden), Mary Dixon Hutcheson  
2023: Betsy Hahn, Brett Levanto (Jr. Warden), Liz Nelson, Anne Ramsey  
2024: Sean Dalton, John Grey, Libby Witt  
Others: Jilinda Crowley, Anne Richardson, Jessica Hughes, Jaclyn Moyer  

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**  
The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  

**Presentation of Vestry Nominees – Jessica Hughes, Jaclyn Moyer**  
Candidates for vestry so far are: Stratton Edwards, Cornelia Horner, Susan Magill, and Tom Suydam. The committee is waiting for responses from two people and have several others to ask if needed. Any other suggestions should be sent to Jessica and Jaclyn. Noelle is considering electronic voting options.  

**Worship Report/Covid – Noelle York-Simmons**  
Preparations are underway for Lent. The 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service will be live-streamed; people can apply their own ashes at home. Overall church attendance is less than last fall when we thought Covid cases were decreasing. It is 30 to 50 people fewer than in pre-Covid days At the end of February, Noelle will be attending CEEP (Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes) in Atlanta. Discussions will center on what the post-Covid church will look like.  

**Fowler House Report – Noelle York-Simmons**  
The first of two informational meetings on the change to the 112 North Washington Street Resolution was held on Zoom – 27 people attended. Another session will be in the auditorium Sunday, February 27.  

**Stewardship Report – Anne Richardson**  
Anne thanked the vestry for making check-in calls/sending emails to the parish. She needs all reports by the end of February. Already two new pledges have come in, likely as a result of the calls. We have 350 pledges for $1,400,000, 96% of our goal. Some large pledges are outstanding. A Shrove Tuesday gathering with food and wine will start at 6 p.m. in the churchyard.  

**Treasurer’s Report – Jilinda Crowley**  
Revenue was $27,000 less than planned. Our budget assumes monthly revenues divided evenly throughout the year; seasonal differences are not reflected. Jilinda thanked Anne Richardson for her work on the campaign to raise pledge funds.
Expenses were nearly $26,000 less than planned. “Salaries” did not include funds for our new youth minister, who is still waiting for immigration clearance. There was no gas bill in January; there will be two in February. The contract maintenance expense was higher than budgeted because it included a quarterly elevator maintenance charge. There was no gas bill for the Fowler House either. In summary, revenue less expenses was negative $1,700.

**Rector’s Report – Noelle York-Simmons**

During Lent, the church will offer a wide range of programs. The Lenten discussion book is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

The Vestry Retreat will be March 18-19 at the Claggett Retreat Center (indoors). The theme is “What we learned during the Pandemic that we can build on.” Friday evening will begin with dinner at 6:15, followed by a program. Saturday will be breakfast, program, and lunch, finishing with worship. Michelle Baize will email vestry members. Cost is less than $200.

Noelle went through our Parochial Report responses. Every Episcopal church in the country sends a Parochial Report to the National Church to collect statistics and learn how parishes are doing. The Vestry voted unanimously to accept the report. The Parochial Report is due March 1.

The retiring vestry class of 2022 will attend the beginning of the March vestry meeting when we will say goodbye to them and welcome the class of 2025.

**Repayment of Organ Loan – Noelle York-Simmons**

At the January vestry meeting, Bob Cady suggested we consider repaying the final organ loan of $25,000. After discussion, Anne Ramsey moved that we repay the $25,000 loan for the organ out of the Reserve Fund. Bob Cady seconded. The motion passed.

**Wardens’ Reports – Carol Donlan and Brett Levanto**

Carol encouraged the vestry to call or email the people on their Parish Check-in list. She has been meeting new people every week and expects good attendance at Easter. Brett appreciated the thought going into the Parish Check-in lists. The website overhaul—an entirely new website which will include a mobile version—is underway; expected completion is late April. The parish weekend at Shrine Mont will be June 17-19.

**Consent Agenda – Carol Donlan**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January vestry meeting minutes with changes. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were accepted.

**Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- Annual Meeting – March 6
- Vestry Retreat at Claggett – March 18-19
- Vestry Meeting – March 22
- Shrine Mont Parish Weekend – June 17-19
- Camino de Santiago trip – June 21-30
Closing Prayer
Sean Dalton offered the closing prayer.
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.