

Parish Life Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 6, 2025 2:30 PM

Attendees: Jane Mitchell, Kim Bernard, Craig Allan, Mike Bearden

Kim opened the meeting with prayer.

Ministry Updates and issues:

Kim Bernard – Kim is cancelling the 12/3 Parish Life Board meeting. She asked if there were any suggestions for a holiday gathering. Vicki Garrett is to do the coffee Team reminder calls for November and December.

Gather Round the Table – Barbara Kanto Barbara had sent in her report as she was unable to be at the meeting. She had all her groups now meeting.

ECW – Jane Mitchell Jane reported that the ECW Annual Meeting would take place on Saturday, December 6 at 11 AM at Southport Gourmet and Sushi. Jane also mentioned that the Rummage Sale was scheduled for March 14, 2026.

Men On a Mission – Craig Allan – Croquet recap. Craig reported that there was great fellowship and participation. There were 18 participants the day of the tournament. They used the church lawn and the lawn at the carriage house inn and got a tour of the inn as an added bonus. They are already planning next year's tournament. Craig said that the next MOAM meeting would be at the Coast Guard facility on Oak Island toward the end of the month.

Breakfast Club – Mike Bearden Mike said that the food held out for the breakfast on the 2nd. It was a large crowd. It was really enjoyed and Craig said there were some waffles left over. Mike said there would be no breakfast in December due to the Parish Annual Meeting. There will be a Breakfast Club on January 4, 2026.

Hospitality – Martie Hutto Martie was not at the meeting as her mother is in the hospital and she was picking her brother up at the airport. Kim said the Bishop's Candidate Luncheon was well received.

New Business

Discussion:

Kim handed out a copy of the 2025 budget and talked about how well we had done keeping expenses down and then looked at the 2026 calendar for Parish Life. She said that there would be an added event in February on February 12. The Lower Cape Fear Life Care would be doing a presentation from 1-3 that day and light refreshments would be needed from Hospitality. In March the dates for the ECW Rummage sale Gathering Week and Sale day would be 3/9-3/13 and Rummage Sale day would be 3/14. The Newcomers Reception would be on 3/15 at 11:15 in the Chapel Annex. April, May, June, July, and August dates remain the same as on the 2026 events calendar. In September the Homecoming on September 6 would not be a Breakfast but a Lunch. Also in September on the 20th that is a coffee hour done by Hospitality not DOK. In October the Croquet Tournament would be on October 11. In November on the 29th that coffee hour will be done by DOK.

Kim reported on the December 7th Annual Meeting. It will be catered by Mr. Wallace and will be fried chicken, barbeque sandwiches and cole slaw. Desserts will be needed from the parishoners. Jane is to send an email to all ECW ladies asking for volunteers for desserts. She will ask people to email her what they are bringing and approximately how many it will serve and she will keep a list so we know whether we have enough desserts coming that day.

Jane reported from Hospitality that December 14th would be Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 PM with a reception following. Steve Moore will be in charge of making wassail and Hospitality would do hot chocolate and hot cider and water., There will be savories and sweets served and Martie is bringing meatballs, Jane bringing little quiches, and Maryann will do pigs in a blanket. Judie, Bonnie, Sherrie and MaryAnn will do sweets (finger food size). Judie, Bonnie, MaryAnn, and Sherrie will be setting up and cleaning up.

Deb Alt is having a docent meeting on November 14 to talk about opening the Chapel on the day of the house tour(December 13) from 10 to 3 and having a cookie reception in the Annex like was done last year. The Chapel is not on the house tour this year as the Historical Society decided that another church needed to be highlighted this year since we had done it for two years.

The Myrtle Beach trip for the Christmas Show is on December 11 and 12.

There will be NO Hospitality meeting in December.

There will be Christian Recovery Teams visiting on December 14 and maybe as many as 20 visitors for the 10:00 service.

Karla Platt came to tell Parish Life that she could put a special place in REALM for each ministry in Parish Life to have information under Groups. Just contact her for how she wants the information to be sent to her.

There will be no Breakfast Club in April and no coffee hour on Easter Sunday.

Newcomers is now under Parish Life and discussions are ongoing as to how to support our newcomers other than at a newcomer reception.

There will be NO Parish Life Board Meeting in December.

The next Parish Life Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 8 at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mitchell, Secretary