

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
OF THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSS  
WILL BE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023  
in the Overlook Room  
with the business session to begin at 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes of the Vestry of the Chapel of the Cross  
19 January 2023**

The Vestry of the Chapel of the Cross met in the Overlook Room of the parish on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Present were Roman Perun (Sr. Warden), Harriet Pegram (Jr. Warden), Amy Daubert, Jess Aylor, Brian Coggins, Woody Coley, and Caren Parker. Ann Craver, Terry Eason, and Gail Perry were present via Zoom. Also present were Elizabeth Marie Melchionna (Rector), Mary Cat Young, (Associate Rector for University Ministry), Keith Esposito (Curate), Diane McOmie (Parish Administrator and Stewardship Coordinator), Nancy Kelly (Clerk), and Alice Cotten, who will be nominated to serve as Clerk upon Mrs. Kelly's retirement from the position in February. Mawethu Ncaca (Assistant to the Rector) was present via Zoom.

The Rector presided and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Devotion/Prayer**

Mr. Coggins led the devotion for the evening with readings and collects in celebration of the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were placed on the Consent Agenda (attached):

- Approval of Minutes from the December Meeting of the Vestry
- Acceptance of *Cross Roads* summary for December
- Acceptance of Rector's Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Associate Rector for University Ministry's Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Curate's Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Christian Formation Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Youth Ministry Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Parish Life and Worship Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Communications Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Stewardship Committee Report (attached)
- Acceptance of Preschool Board Meeting Minutes, December 2022 (attached)

**It was moved by Ms. Pegram, seconded by Ms. Aylor and passed unanimously, that the Vestry approve the Consent Agenda.**

### **Rector's Report**

The Rector's report is attached.

Ms. Melchionna began by asking the Vestry to address the following question with an answer of a single sentence: Someone stops you at the grocery store and asks "I want to check out your parish. What is your church's mission?"

Following a few minutes of thought, Vestry members came up with the following statements.

Alice: An Episcopal congregation in the heart of Chapel Hill, forming disciples of Christ through worship and action

Brian: Context, nuance, impossible

Amy: My special home full of community, love, activity, possibility, and joy

Harriet: Building disciples of Christ in Chapel Hill through worship, service, teaching, and fellowship

Roman: Provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all who seek a deeper relationship with Christ and the kingdom of heaven

Jess: Vibrant faith community to connect people of all ages with each other and with God

Gail: Lovely, warm, wonderful, traditional, welcoming - music, university

Mawethu: Welcoming, worship, and action. Welcoming Episcopal church in the heart of the university

Annie: To serve as Christ's light in the world

Terry: A wonderful, large, historic parish, adjacent to the UNC campus, ancient worship traditions of the Anglican communion and music of the Western church

Woody: Encourages spiritual enrichment in historic church, through ministry live-feed, broad outreach, music, and prayer

Keith: Love as Jesus loves and invite others into the mystery of faith

Mary Cat: People who love Jesus, walking and working together to love God and our neighbors in community

Karen: Vibrant, welcoming, and service

The Rector concluded the exercise by saying that some these statements are all suggestions of who we say that we are, and she suggested that we take this and use it as a working statement.

Ms. Melchionna went on to inform the Vestry that she had had breakfast this morning with Geoffrey Hoare, who will serve as priest-in-charge while she is on her sabbatical this summer. He will come to the March Vestry meeting to begin to build a relationship with the Vestry.

She then asked for official Vestry support of Weston Morris in his candidacy for ordination to the priesthood.

**It was moved by Mr. Perun, seconded by Mr. Coley, and passed unanimously, that the Vestry forward to Bishop Rodman the signed certificate of support for Weston Morris as a candidate for ordination to the priesthood,**

**Sr. Warden**

Mr. Perun then presented a motion with three parts to the Vestry for approval:

-an agreement from transfer of excess of revenues over expenses in the operating fund through December 31, 2022 in excess of \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund, to be recorded when all December journal entries have been made

-the gift of \$230,000 from the Estate of Charlie Browning, designated \$25,000 to the Organ Fund, \$25,000 for the principal of the Vestry-designated Buildings and Grounds Endowment, and \$180,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund

-the intent to record the above two items in the December 2022 financial reports

**It was moved by Mr. Perun, seconded by Ms. Daubert, and passed unanimously, that the Vestry agree to transfer any excess of revenues over expenses in the operating fund through December 31, 2022 in excess of \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund, the specific dollar amount to be recorded when all of the December journal entries have been made; that the Vestry receive with gratitude the gift of \$230,000 from the Estate of Charlie Browning, designated as follows: \$25,000 to the Organ Fund, \$25,000 to the principal of the Vestry-designated Buildings and Grounds Endowment, and \$180,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund, for a total gift of \$230,000; and that the Vestry acknowledge that the intent is to record these two items in the December 2022 financial reports.**

The Vestry then passed a motion of gratitude for the bequest from the Estate of Mr. Browning.

**It was moved by Ms. Aylor, seconded by Mr. Perun, and passed unanimously, that the Vestry express deep gratitude for the gift of \$230,000 from the Estate of Charlie Browning.**

### **Finance Committee**

Ms. Aylor reported that the Finance Committee is planning for the Annual Parish Financial Meeting, to be held at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 12, in the Parish Hall.

### **Casavant Organ Campaign Committee Update**

The Casavant Organ Committee Minutes and the Casavant Organ Committee Project Status Report are attached.

Mr. Coggins reported that the public campaign kick-off will take place at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 29.

Ms. Cotten offered a prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Kelly  
Clerk of the Vestry

#### Attachments

- - - Consent Agenda
- - - Rector's Report
- - - Associate Rector for University Ministry's Report
- - - Curate's Report
- - - Christian Formation Report
- - - Youth Ministry Report
- - - Parish Life and Worship Report
- - - Communications Report
- - - Stewardship Committee Report
- - - Preschool Board Meeting Minutes, December 2022
- - - Assistant to the Rector's Report

- - - Music Report
- - - Faith in Action Report
- - - Casavant Organ Committee Minutes, January 9, 2023
- - - Casavant Organ Committee Project Status Report, January 18, 2023
- - - Lilly *My Spiritual Awakening* Report 2022
- - - Designation of Gift Motions