

Christ Church by the Sea
Meeting of the Vestry
Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m.
on Zoom
MINUTES

Present: Father Bob, George G., Sudy, Martin, George F., Dana, Marylou (minutes),
Katie

1. Opening prayer
2. Motion to accept the kind and generous offer of Dana Faris to finish the term of Father Steve Andersen on the Vestry, at least until the 2023 AGM
M/S/C George G./Sudy
Motion to accept the kind and generous offer of George Fulton to the finish the term of Judith St. Gaudens on the Vestry at least until the 2023 AGM
M/S/C Marylou/Martin
3. Finance report
Dana presented the Statement of Income and Expenses to July 24, 2022. There were questions about electricity and water expenses. We are charged water for each rental agreement despite using almost no water. Electricity costs should surge with the heat. There is a little less than \$18000 USD in the Vallarta Mission account.
Motion to approve the statement of income and expenses to July 24, 2022
M/S/C George G./George F.
4. Approval of minutes
Motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2022
M/S/C George G./Sudy
5. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a. suspended cross over the altar
Bob sent out examples of suspended crosses. George sent a picture of a suspended cross from his home church in Salem. We discussed different kinds of crosses and different kinds of designs. We agreed to go with a colour that matches what we have now in the church, i.e. bronze. George F. will price different options when he returns the beginning of September.
 - b. strategic plan
Most of us will be at the meeting July 25 at 12 noon on Zoom.
6. Wardens Report
Someone came to look at the AC and suggested that perhaps a power outage had occurred when the AC was not working one Sunday. When Martin returns at the beginning of August he will have someone come in to look at the wiring which we were told was looking old, as unlikely as that sounds.
7. Rectors Report
 - a. Attendance
There were 95 in total for the service for Judith, including in person, Facebook and Zoom attendance. Morning devotions has an average attendance of 14. Sunday services have an average attendance of 53.
 - b. Handover of Judith's contributions to the church
Dana has been organizing readers and Sylvie will take over from him.

Javier and Sylvie will share Prayers of the People

Sudy and Eduardo will do Altar Guild.

Sudy will print material for Sunday services.

Still not clear who will do morning devotions as Judith did Saturdays and filled in for Father Bob.

c. Father Bob's vacation time

Father Bob is on vacation July 27 to August 5. We need someone to do morning devotions.

d. Father Steve's service on August 6

Marylou is talking to Steve's wife Myrt re hymns, readings and food.

e. Martin is bringing back gluten free wafers.

8. Other business

a. Spanish language service

Although a Zoom meeting to talk about the Spanish service did not happen, it is clear that we will need to address cultural differences, for example guitar music rather than organ. Given the absence of Father Trino, it is most probable that Martin will do the service, with Bob there to do the consecration. The offer of the Food Bank to acknowledge us as a sponsor once a month might help with promoting the Spanish service. We need a flyer and we will use advertising on Facebook. Martin will draft some info.

b. Audio system

Once again there are serious complaints about sound quality on the livestream. Martin will investigate on his return.

c. Report from the Diocese Standing Committee meeting, July 21 on Zoom

Dana reported that all material brought before the Standing Committee must be available in both languages. We, and a couple of other parishes, sent money to the Bishop for his Lambeth Conference visit. He thanked us during the meeting. The English-speaking parishes are keeping up to date with their Diocesan pledges while many of the Spanish-speaking parishes are not.

d. August (?) party suggestion

The idea of an open house event was tabled until later in the fall in the hopes that people who have started attending the Spanish language service will bring their friends.

9. Date of next meeting

Saturday, August 20 at 4 p.m. on Zoom

10. Closing prayer