

**Christ Church**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Sept30th, 2025**  
**5:15pm via Zoom and Formation + Arts Room #106**

**Present:** The Rev. Thomas Reeder, The Rev Andreis Diaz, The Rev Amy Slater, and The Laura Magevney;  
**Messrs.** Brownlee, Evanger, Gagnon, Long, Parker, Shepherd, Udelhofen, Wilson; **Mmes.** Blackman, Burnside, Fouts, Toonk, and Waller.

**Absentees:** Loeb and Zerebny

**Guests:**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** All

- Jack Parker called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm with the Vestry prayer.

**Declaration of the Quorum:** Jack Parker

- Quorum established.

**Spiritual Presentation/Reflection:** Wendy Waller

- Shared a reflection.

**Consent Agenda:** All

- Aug 2025 Vestry Minutes.
- Aug 2025 Financials
- 2025 KPIs – None presented
  - **Move to approve consent agenda items; seconded and approved.**

**Rector's 5 Minutes:** Rev Reeder

- Distributed a Diocesan report.
- Next Vestry election I recommend we consider a youth.
- General Convention meets every 3 years.
- This Sunday I will be teaching about stewardship.
- Bishop search committee is holding meetings to seek input on what qualities people are looking for in the next Bishop. Discussion on a few of the qualities we would like to see – listener, pastoral, church planting where populations are growing.

**Fall Stewardship Campaign:** Mike Shepherd

- Shared a "Better Together" slideshow.
- This year the theme is "Love Heavenly, Live faithfully. Give together."
- Requested that all Vestry and clergy turn in their 2026 pledge cards.
- Progress after 1<sup>st</sup> of 8 weeks.
  - Goal \$4.8million with Pledges being \$3.8m.
  - As of today, we have \$1.185m pledged.
- Forecast to achieve the goal.
- Other relevant data.
- Engaging the audience bullet points.
- Potential activities post Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Dinner Follow-Up:** David Gagnon

- Is this dinner paying for itself? = Yes
- Should we use paper plates? = No, we have a scheduled individual to wash dishes.

- Should we serve alcohol? = Survey says no. Rector prefers alcohol free. Vestry agrees
- Ministry hosting could donate gift cards to help offset the cost.
- Childcare was the identified bottleneck for growth of this ministry. Proposed solution:
  - Preschool coverage in the nursery.
  - Need for another part-time person to add to the family ministry. That person would work 9 – 10 hours per week doing various activities to support Youth Ministry, and would also help support Amy Schmidt for non-preschool children during Wednesday nights.
  - Vestry agrees with making the investment in childcare for Wed Night Dinner.

**Strategic Plan Development Update:** Jim Evanger

- Doing really well with our Strategic Plan update.
- Looking forward 5yrs.
- Creating measurable goals and kick starting specific tactics.
- We are in final draft mode and will do a stress test with the clergy and staff.
- Reached out to over a 100 parishioners to get feedback to work on the plan.

**Other Business and/or Questions and Answers:** All

- 2026 Diocesan Commitment
  - **Motion to approve our 2026 commitment and pledge to the Common Ministry Budget of the Diocese of Florida is \$436,188.80; seconded and approved.**
- Rev Sandy Tull, Vicar of Christ Church of the Oaks, is retiring in December.
- Please pray for Spanish congregation – very difficult, scary time for many with fear of potential deportation

**Prayer and Adjournment:**

- Adjourned the meeting in prayer at 6:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Toonk, Vestry Registrar