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Vestry members are chosen by lot from among “voting members” of our church to serve a three (3) year term representing its parishioners. A Vestry member is a legal representatives and agent of the Parish, with responsibility for finances, and management of property and human resources. Members ensure that standard business methods, as outlined in The Episcopal Church’s Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs, are observed. As part of the governing board the Vestry is accountable to the congregation, the Diocese, and to God.

REQUIREMENTS

A Vestry member must be over 16 years of age, have worshiped at Emmanuel for at least six (6) months preceding the Annual Meeting, be a communicant (someone who receives communion) in good standing, and known to the Treasurer as being a contributor.

EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs, and governance.
- Be active as Christians in daily life and work, have a love of God, and demonstrate a commitment to follow the ways of Christ.
- Participate in Vestry meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month.
- Participate in the life of the church, such as Outreach, Choir, Assisting at Worship, Altar Guild, Fundraisers, Fellowship events, Vestry sub-committees, etc.
- Set an example by welcoming newcomers and visitors and interacting gracefully with other members of the congregation
- Help define and articulate the mission of the congregation. Support the mission by word and deed. Offer talents to discern and support Emmanuel’s mission and vision by actively serving on one of the Vestry’s committees or sub-committees.
- Make the commitment of time to: Vestry meetings and committee work, weekly and special worship services, congregational events, fundraisers, and special programs.
- Pledge financial support early in the annual or other campaigns.
- Be receptive to individual parishioner's concerns and, if necessary, be willing to discuss these concerns with the rector, wardens and/or vestry.