



Minutes of St. Christopher's Vestry Meeting

September 19, 2011

In Attendance: Allison Jensen, Bruce Warkentien, Amy Anderson, Julie Bayer, Jim Erickson, Jeff Jensen, Tom Maier, Ann Olson, Mary Pendergrass, Julie Remington, Jim Richards, Robert Williams, Jennifer Wright, Fr. John Dwyer, Rev. Wanda Copeland, Laurie Toensing.

Not In Attendance: Carol Duff

Others In Attendance: Harold Danley (for a short time)

Fr. John opened the meeting with worship.

Additions to Agenda/Approval of August Minutes All

Additions: Silent Auction, Treasure Sale.

To Financial Report – add lighting audit.

No changes to the August minutes, motion to approve made by Julie Bayer, seconded by Robert Williams.

Motion approved by the Vestry.

Pulse of the Parish: Julie Remington volunteered to give the pulse of the parish next Sunday, just after the announcements.

Financial Report

Bruce

Lighting Audit

Rev. Wanda, Harold Danley

- Harold reviewed all lighting/fixtures in the building with Mike Holder (Center for Energy and Environment), doing an inventory and discussing usage. Mike later submitted (to Rev. Wanda) a Summary of Recommended Lighting Upgrades for the church that would generate a reduction in the electric bill and provide new/uniform fixtures. This proposal includes: Side lights in sanctuary and lights in sacristy; replacing fixtures in offices, choir room, parish hall and kitchen; retrofitting lights in library, youth room and classrooms; and replacing exit lights with LED's.

• Lighting Upgrades (estimated costs) Total Cost	\$22,585.24
One stop efficiency shop rebate	9,726.24
CEE Nonprofit Grant	<u>3,214.75</u>
Final Cost (spread over 3 years)	\$ 9,644.25

A motion was made to authorize the Wardens and Clergy to give the go ahead on lighting retrofits was made by Tom Maier, seconded by Jennifer Wright. Motion approved by the Vestry.

Review of July Financial Report

Bruce

Highlight were reviewed by Bruce, including:

- Current period changes (still in the black for the year).
- Dedicated accounts – down payment for roof repair was made.
- Current balance on a lot of the memorials reduced to zero.
- Statement of activities.

A motion to accept the July Financial Report was made by Jennifer Wright, seconded by Jim Erickson. Motion approved by Vestry.

Investing Phyllis Specker Funds – Earl Olson will be making a short-term investment of a portion of the funds.

Old Business

Renewal Committee (Strengthen, Enhance & Renew)

Allison

- The committee will meet on October 11.
- Piano Dedication will be Friday, September 30th at 7:00 pm.

Garden Update

Allison & Julie

- More than 50# of potatoes and tomatoes donated to the Food Shelf.
- Help will be needed digging the remainder of the potatoes.



Review Start-Up Sunday Events All

- Advertising, posters and tables were great.
- Could use more tear-down help.
- Maybe go back to one service next year, improve attendance?
- Discussed catered vs. potluck food.

Silent Auction Ann

Discussed the importance of the Vestry members donating to the Silent Auction both individually and as a group. The possibility of offering a Vestry-sponsored Prayer Breakfast was also discussed. The Treasure sale will be held October 7-9, the German Dinner will be on November 12th.

New Business

Harvey Specker Memorial Bruce

- St. Christopher's was named as a beneficiary (15%).

Sound System – will be looking into ear monitors, speakers, upgrades, podcasts of services/sermons as integral pieces to be used to help facilitate congregational growth.

Vestry Committee Reports

Worship & Liturgy Mary & Jennifer

- Next meeting scheduled for October 18th.
- Pet Blessing will be on October 2nd at 1:00pm, outside weather permitting.

Evangelism Amy

- Noted there is money in the budget to get some new St. Christopher's T-shirts made.

Faith Formation & Fellowship Julie B. & Jim E.

- Start-Up Sunday/first day of Sunday School went well.
- Youth Ministry will be meeting in the Crusader Room on Sunday mornings, and approximately once a month on Wednesday evenings 7-8 pm.

Outreach & Justice Julie R. & Robert

- All met for a potluck dinner at Sally Brown's home last week.
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 22nd.

Stewardship Tom, Jim R. & Fr. John

- Reviewed the Stewardship brochure that will be mailed to the congregation on September 26th.
- Asking for returned pledge forms over the course of 4 weeks, rather than all being returned at one Sunday service. Father John will write thank-yous.
- A Vestry Pledge Day has been designated for October 2nd.

Finance & Facilities

- See Financial Report/Lighting Audit

Rector and Wardens Comments

Rector's Comments Fr. John

- Meeting with Wardens regularly, doing lots of learning & listening.
- A concern to be discussed further with the Vestry – need a Building & Grounds Committee to be established.
- November 1st will be the Celebration of New Ministry service at 7 pm.

Associate Rector's Comments Rev. Wanda
(title change given to give thanks for and recognize Wanda's leadership over the past 2 years)

- Working on the Youth Program for the upcoming year.
- Will be moving back to 20 hours/week.



Warden's Comments

Bruce & Allison

- Clean up continues in Youth & Chinese day care rooms (wallpaper removal, etc.).
- Meeting scheduled on September 28th at 10:00 am with Water Conservation Group.

Bearer Shout Outs

All

- To Harold Danley for the many hours he's been putting in this past month.
- To all the workers involved with Chinese day care clean up and Start Up Sunday.
- To Jim R. & Dave I. for many hours put in recently.

After member's concerns and meeting feedback, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Vestry Meeting: October 17, 2011 6:45 Worship 7:00 Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Toensing, Clerk of the Vestry