

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2016 at 6:45

In Attendance: Kathy Ackerman, Darlene Cross, Harold Danley, Fr. John Dwyer, Jan Fillmore, Elizabeth Grayden, Jeff Jensen, Chris Lacher, Becky Lucas, Mary Pendergrass, Mike Sirany, Barb Swanson, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Reading: The Biggest Cultural Shifts for Churches by Rev. Carol Howard Merrit

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Mary Pendergrass at 8:00 and Darlene Cross at 10:30 on November 27

Approval of October 17 Minutes: The minutes for the vestry meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup> were approved with a motion of approval from Harold. The motion was seconded by Becky and the motion passed.

Financial Report: We are at 83.33% of the year. Currently, we are \$10,459.02 in the red YTD and \$7,064.56 for the month. We had some quarterly payments in the month of Oct which contributed to the deficit. Of the \$11,000.00 carryover to 2016, we have about \$4,000.00 left. Pledges are right on. The killer is the amount we allocated for the kitchen. That has given us an \$11,000 loss. We are 5.18% behind in payments for Building use. In the expense column, everything is on track.

Ongoing Business

LED Light Bulbs: The LED lights have been ordered and hopefully will be here next week. We have enough money to install the lights and we are waiting for a concrete bid for that job. We can't sell the used bulbs that we currently using, but we can recycle them.

Review of proposed budget: Father John reviewed the proposed budget for 2017. He shared pledge information from the recent stewardship drive along with numbers of people who increased and decreased their pledges. Pledge totals for next year are \$307,424.00 which is a decrease of \$5,454 from pledges for this year. Father John shared the 2017 balanced budget that was approved by the finance team. Some significant cuts were made from the requested 2017 budget. This balanced budget will be shared with the parish in the next couple of weeks. There was a discussion about options for easing some of the painful cuts. There was a question about deferring our MMS payment as has been done in the past. This is not an option at this time as it could risk our standing as a parish. Concern was expressed about staff whose hours would be reduced. Chris moved that we approved the budget as recommended by the finance team. Darlene seconded the motion and after no further discussion, the motion was approved. Fr. John will share the news with Marion and Chad this week. He asked that it be kept in confidence until then. Fr John thanked the vestry members who made the stewardship follow up calls to parishioners.

Nominating Committee for Vestry: Fr. John hasn't called the committee meeting yet. No nominations have been received from the parish. The nominating committee will be pulled together after Thanksgiving. Fr John asked the committee members, including Kathy, Harold,

Chris, Jeff, and Mary, to think about who might not be represented on the vestry, when thinking of potential candidates.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser: No requests to host the fundraiser have been filed yet. The deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>. The group that hosts will run the fundraiser and receive the proceeds for their ministry.

Funeral Catering: We have secured a caterer for funerals, Kathy's Kitchen. They are associated with two other churches and a funeral home. She has a standard funeral luncheon menu with a variety of menu options, including full hot meals with reasonable rates. They will not use our kitchen to prepare food, but will bring prepared food in. They will provide the menu to the families and the family will make arrangements directly with them, including the payment. Kathy and her husband own the business and have other staff. Fr. John has also contracted with individual who will be our funeral sextant. He will set up tables and chairs the day before and will come in after funeral to clean up any debris and put away tables and chairs. This will be a pass through cost to family. Once the tables have been set up, volunteers can come in and decorate the space for the family. Families will be provided two options, the catered luncheon with Kathy's Kitchen or a light reception with coffee, cake and cookies at \$3.00 per person (Costco). A concern was expressed about the caterer using paper plates. They would need to hire another person to do dishes if they are to use our plates and silver, otherwise they would use paper and plastic. It was suggested that we get an estimate of hiring dishwasher for the family, then they can choose if they want paper vs real plates and silver.

### New Business

Silent Auction: There are no totals yet from the silent auction or dinner. We at least covered the cost of the food with dinner tickets. Fr. John thought the feel of the event was very positive. Folks were able to linger and visit which contributed to nice community building. The food was excellent, different, and fun. There were fewer items for people to bid on, but the usual social events. Overall it was viewed as a successful event. Mike suggested that we consider revisiting including the silent auction as part of the budget. Fr. John explained that we are trying to be transparent. Kathy suggested we look at other possibilities, such as using the funds for building expenses. Jeff said it is a small amount of money and explained that the mission fund is how we do our work into the community.

Mission Opportunity Grant Request: Robert Williams who is the lead on First Nations Kitchen requested \$800 to help defray the cost of putting on the meals. The finance team has approved the request. Kathy moved we approved the request, and Chris seconded the motion. The grant request was approved.

Roseville Parade: The application to march in the Rosefest parade is due in March. St. Christopher's hasn't participated in 3-4 years. We are looking for someone to lead the effort in organizing volunteers. No one expressed interest so we will roll it to December and revisit. It was suggested that we all look to others in the parish to see if there's energy to do it. Mike suggested bringing it up in the pulse of the parish to see if there is interest. Parishioners can contact Jeff or Mary. It will also be in the Traveler.

Shoutouts:

Volunteers who worked at Voting Welcome  
Everyone who worked on Small Bites and Silent Auction  
The Flower Garden Team (flowers)

Rector and Warden Comments  
Member Comments and Concerns  
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Submitted by Darlene Cross and Ann DePaolis-Jones