

Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2016

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

Not in Attendance: All present

Reading: The vestry discussed Vestry Papers / Facing Leadership Challenges, Tools for Healthy Communities, by David Vryhof, SSJE, (May 2015)

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Michael Sirany (Rector and Wardens will write the Pulse)

Approval of March Minutes: Kathy moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Becky seconded and the March minutes were approved.

Additions to the agenda: Fr. John has a conflict for the next meeting. It was decided that the May meeting will be moved to Monday, May 23rd.

Update on name tags: Ruth found another pile of buttons that need to be assembled.

Financial Report: Fr. John reported that at 25% of the year we are at 28.31% of income. We were deficient in pledges for March, without the prepaid pledges. Spring breaks may have affected the pledges. Expenses are mostly where they are expected to be. We are \$6000 in the red for the month and \$16,000 in the black for the year. Some quarterly payments affected the gross figures. Michael asked about the rent on the Dellwood house. Our renter has been paying \$500/month but is now paying \$600/month. There was a discrepancy on the report. Fr. John will check on it.

Ongoing Business

Carpet Cleaning: Harold went to Hamernicks and got literature on cleaning the carpet. He was given the name of a recommended cleaning service. Harold will contact this service to get an estimate. Michael will try to contact the service that contacted us, Roderick Petticort. Harold will also contact ServiceMaster so we can get three estimates.

Kitchen Rental: We have a signed agreement with the Kacky Snacky (the Granola Lady), though she hasn't been in to use the kitchen yet. Jean Crow created a professional leaflet to advertise the commercial kitchen space for rent. Fr. John asked for ideas on how to get it out to the community, such as posting on Craig's List. This is to generate interest in renting the kitchen to support our budget. Michael will post it on the Episcopal Exchange. We brainstormed other places to post the leaflets. Kathy suggested Cooks of Crocus Hill and similar places. Chris will put it on Craig's List. Darlene suggested seeking people who may want to host a meeting using the parish hall and kitchen. If we rent the space, we need someone to do set up and clean up. We need to actively seek folks to rent the space as it is part of our budgeted income.

Funeral Luncheons: It has been difficult to find enough volunteers to do the funeral luncheons, so we are considering a change in how we do them. The finance team made the suggestion that we present a list of options to families. The vestry discussed options for the funeral luncheons. Suggested options include:

- 1) Give the family the names of three caterers with whom we have made prior arrangements. The caterers would bring in food, prepare and serve it and then clean up the kitchen. Suzanne Hitchcock is exploring some local caterers. We would still have to set up and take down tables.
- 2) Have a social time with sheet cake and cookies purchased from Costco and serve with coffee. \$3-5/pp
- 3) Provide a list of restaurants in the area and the type of event they can handle, along with costs. \$15-22/pp

This would involve a change in the expectations around having a luncheon provided by the parish and would be a shift in culture at St. Christopher's. Parish members could show their love and support of the family by being involved in setting up and decorating the Parish Hall. We can also look into a laundry service so parishioners don't have to wash the tablecloths. Many other churches have already made this

change. The vestry discussed these options. Most felt this would be a positive change and would be accepted by the parish. Fr. John suggested we take it to the parish before voting on it. The vestry concurred that this would be presented to the parish.

Engraving for Columbarium Shutters: There is unevenness in the legibility of the engraving of the columbarium shutters because of differences in the stone. There is a sample up on the wall of one stone that had the engraving painted which makes the lettering stand out. It will cost \$35 per stone to have this done and the finance team recommended we approve this expense. The price of the niches is going up in July, and we've sold four in the last couple of months. Two thirds of the niches have been sold. The columbarium committee will start investigating building a second columbarium. The committee is looking for granite and it may be difficult to match the current stone. They may consider purchasing new stone and interspersing it with the old stones in each columbarium. Fr. John made a motion that we accept the finance team's recommendation to paint the engraving on the currently engraved niches. Mary seconded the motion and it was approved.

New Business

Pentecost Brunch: The brunch is May 15 after the 9:30 service. Each vestry member was asked to bring an egg bake. Mary passed around a sign-up sheet to get people to volunteer to help with set up, serving and clean up. Fr. John will pick up breads and fruit.

Green Team LED Bulb Fundraiser: There has not been a report back from the Green Team. It was suggested that there be an Adopt-a-Bulb fundraiser. Mary will look into any Excel rebates and will follow up with Green Team to get a report for the next meeting.

Goals and Dreams updates:

Welcome/Integrate New Members: Becky and Jan met briefly and don't yet have much to report. Becky talked about the possibility of May Day baskets for new members. The youth did it one year and was very well received.

Communications: Kathy and Michael will be meeting to start moving forward. They will reach out to others who might be interested and plan to meet the first available Sunday, May 22 after the 9:30 service. Michael has had three people contact him about working on communication. Kathy talked to Carrie Hunner about the website. This will be a summer project for her.

Michael brought up the issue of members needing rides to church as he didn't want it to fall off the list of priorities.

New teams:

Alter Guild membership: Mary,

Create a Kitchen Team: Darlene and Barb

Grow Children and Youth Efforts: Pending

Shout outs:

Don Shiek for all he does, including fixing the Men's room handle after two of our members got stuck in the Men's room last Sunday

Don Shiek and Mark Brilowski for changing the light bulbs in the Chancel

Diane Elliot for leading the "Walking with our Muslim Neighbors" series

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

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