

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2016

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

Not in Attendance: Chris Lacher

Stewardship Conversation: This took the place of the monthly vestry reading. There was a discussion about upcoming stewardship campaign which is entitled "Living Generously" (see attachments). It will take place for five weeks in October with the last Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> identified as ingathering Sunday. Volunteers were considered for weekly "Why I Give" talks and vestry members had the chance to sign up to help with the mailings.

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: 8:00 - Mary, 10:30 - Elizabeth

Approval of August 24th Minutes: Harold moved we approved the minutes as written once the title was corrected. Jan second the motion and the August minutes were approved.

Additions to the agenda:

- Election presence in November
- 2017 proposed budget
- Wardens and vestry nominations
- Kitchen manager(s)

Financial Report: At 66.67% of the year, we are \$1003.21 in the red for the month, and \$5,417.20 in the black for the year. Offerings are close to being on target, but under building use, the kitchen rental is down which affects our bottom line. Income at 65.03 % and the expenses are on target. The good news is that we haven't taken any of the \$11,000 cushion yet this year.

Ongoing Business:

Silent Auction and Happy Hour: Mary reported the plans for the silent auction event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The vestry will be providing gift cards and libations for the two raffles. She requested we bring gift cards and libations to the next month's meeting. There is a silent auction food team planning the appetizers for Happy Hour, which will go from 5-8 PM.

Sewer: We are still waiting for the bids to come in so no additional news at this time.

LED Light Bulbs: The light bulb fundraiser has ended and we are ready to place an order. We sold all the bulbs and will install the lights ourselves instead of paying \$4000 to have them installed professionally. We do have money to rent a lift to help with the installation. People have been generous and we are grateful to those who contributed. Fr. John suggested that he send thank you notes to those who contributed. Mike suggested a list of names in the bulletin instead to save cost of the stamps. Becky asked if we can donate the lights that are removed that still function keeping in mind our status as a green congregation. Fr. John and Becky will follow

up on this. Mary made a motion that we go forward with LED replacements as approved by finance. Becky seconded the motion and it was approved.

2017 proposed budget: Father John reviewed the proposed budget that the Finance team approved to go out to the parish. It was viewed as a reasonable budget that reflects the operating expenses. A letter to parish will explain the rationale for these decisions reflected in the budget. The vestry agreed that it is a balanced, transparent budget.

Election Day Presence: November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and St. Christopher's is a voting site. This is an opportunity to be a positive presence in the community. Jeff agreed to head up a team to organize volunteers for the day who will provide coffee, water and treats to folks coming in to vote. Darlene will make a signup sheet for parishioners to provide coverage for the day. We will not evangelize, but we will have information about the parish visible. This will be a great opportunity to welcome the community.

New Business:

Mission Opportunity Grant Request: Sally Brown requested \$300 for the Meals on Wheels program. Finance team approved this request to support delivery of food to seniors. Jeff made a motion that we approve the request. Kathy seconded the motion and it was approved. Fr. John thought there was a decision made earlier that finance can approve all requested less than \$500, while requests for more than \$500 will go to the vestry. Jeff will look back to the minutes to find the discussion. Mike suggested that the vestry should still be informed of the smaller requests even though not voting on them. It was agreed that the vestry would always be informed.

Summer Service Survey: The vestry reviewed the results of the summer survey from Sunday as well as the survey from 2015. (See attachment) The responses were overwhelmingly yes for people who like the 9:30 summer service.

Welcome Team: The welcome team has plans for two welcome lunches, one on October 30, and one on April 30. The lunches will be for newcomers and those who feel like newcomers. There will be an open invite as well as personal invite to those we know are new. There will be a loose agenda, with a simple lunch twice a year. Becky, Jan and Fr. John are also working on a leaflet about St. Christopher's to give folks more information about the parish.

Social Justice, Super Bowl 2018 and Sex Trafficking: Mary and two other parishioners got together to do some planning around the topic of Sex Trafficking. Mary attended a sex trafficking presentation at the Roseville Library. They are hoping to secure speakers for the parish with the possibility of opening it to the community. We could communicate with other groups interested in the topic with January or February 2017 as possible dates. We discussed time overlap with the racial reconciliation program during lent.

Kitchen Manager(s): If we are going to be renting the kitchen, there is a need for a kitchen manager which requires certification from the health department. If we don't have a kitchen manager, we will have to limit our renters to those who are certified. There is someone who would like to rent the kitchen and parish hall for an event, but we would need to hire a kitchen manager to be here. We will revisit this issue next month when we have more information.

Wardens and Vestry Nominations: Mary, Chris, Harold and Kathy are cycling off the vestry so they are the nominating committee for new members. Fr. John asked members to think about constituencies that aren't represented as we are looking for new members. Is there a group whose voice is not heard on the vestry? Nominations will be solicited starting in October.

Shout outs:

August: Don Shiek, Bruce Warkentien and John Trapnell for scraping and painting the outside of the stained glass windows in courtyard

September: Volunteers for food preparation for Startup Sunday: Ann Trapnell, Kathy Ackerman and Ann DePaolis-Jones.

Harold Danley and other volunteers for clean up along fence and other areas of our grounds.

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

The meeting ended with Compline

Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones