

Meet Christ. Be Christ.

St. Christopher's Vestry 18 March 2024

Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Barb Hovey, Cheryl Bailey, Kathy Ackerman, Rich Pieper, Eric Hedican, Ann Trapnell, Madisen Crow, Darlene Cross, Betsy Wesenberg, Clerk Robert Williams, & Bruce Warkentien - Finance Committee

Absent: Junior Warden, Josh Kattelman,

Opening Prayer/Dwelling in the Word : Fr. Randy

Additions to Agenda Barb: Approve agenda and the February Minutes: Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

Finance Committee Bruce: Bruce Warkentien gave an overview of finances.

Bruce gave a report about the audit that took place on 16 March at the ECMN (Episcopal Church of Minnesota) Office. We need to document future fixed assets: cost, the date of purchase, take a picture of it, & add it to our inventory. St. Christopher's Episcopal Church accepted the results of the audit. The Vestry discussed writing a policy regarding documenting fixed assets. (Barb contacted Ruth on 3/19 and Ruth said this does not need a policy.)

Altar Guild Kathy: Getting ready for Holy Week & for Easter

Buildings & Grounds Rich: The committee is planning a Volunteer Spring Cleaning in late April or in May.

Children's Ministries Eric: Getting ready for Easter. Palm Sunday, the kids will meet in the Parish Hall. They will help to distribute the Palms.

Communications Madisen: There is ongoing work on the welcome packet.

Garden/Green Team Barb: The Green Team will talk about the giving garden at the April meeting.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels Cheryl: On Thursday, 21 March, they will do cards for children in hospitals.

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: Nothing to add.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: Since the last report, everything is going well.

75th Anniversary Group Cheryl: They are preparing a write-up for the past 25 years of history.

Unfinished Business:

Photo Directory update. Barb: At the Annual Meeting, Ruth printed about 50 copies of the directory. Some of the pictures were not added to the directory. Some of the pictures were poor quality due to being copied multiple times. Tom (Linder) offered to work with Ruth to make the pictures better. Tom has sample pages where the pictures are much clearer.

New Business:

Pipe Organ - Discuss next steps. Barb: No one has expressed interest in buying the organ. We have contacted museums with collections of instruments and they are not interested. Barb will like to have the organ moved out of the chancel by summer. Vestry members offered to research options for reusing parts of the organ before the next vestry meeting.

Updated Plaques Awards / Updated Priests' / Deacons' pictures: The award plaques have not been updated since 2019. Betsy will work with Ruth on updating the Plaques. Darlene will work on updating the clergy pictures.

Upcoming Events:

Soup Suppers continue through Lent: The last soup supper is March 20. Holy Week is coming up. On 2 June, after the single service, we will have our annual Blessing of the Wheels.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: During Holy Week, The Bishop will have services of Renewal of Vows for all clergy. These will be held in Duluth, Minneapolis and Faribault.

Senior Warden Barb: This was our first month scheduling Finance and Vestry on the same evening. It went well and we plan to continue the new schedule.

Junior Warden Josh: Absent

Announcements:

Shout Outs: Marion for setting up Lenten Meditations and all who submitted meditations. Tom Linder for helping with the Photo Directory. The Lenten Soup supper chefs and clean-up crews for their hard work.

Closing Sharing and Caring: All

Closing Prayer Rich

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Rich and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, 15 April 2024 at 6:45 PM