

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

21 March 2022 / 6:45 PM / Parish Hall

In Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy Johnson, Senior Warden Chris Mayr, Junior Warden Karen Hartman, Ross Ackerman, Patrick Ahern, Cheryl Bailey, Madisen Crow, Ann DePaolis-Jones, Eric Hedican, Alexander Kun, Jeanna McLoughlin, Clerk Robert Williams, Tom Linder - Finance Team member: Absent: Leslie Norton

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Vestry Covenant Reading by Fr. Randy & by Madisen

Additions to Agenda:

- **New Business:** Donation of hymn book to the U archives and library,
- Thank you to Allison Jensen for her service as Clerk, welcome new Clerk Robert Williams
- **Minutes Review and Approval:** February 19 Vestry Minutes by Vestry vote. Anne made a motion to approve; 2nd by Alexander the motion; unanimous approval
- **Pulse of Parish Presenters:** 8:00 service by Chris and 10:30 service by Madisen

Team Reports

Finance - Tom Linder, from Finance Team, showed Vestry how to read parish financial reports. The use of Mission Opportunities Fund was questioned.

Liaison Patrick shared that we have received \$26,000 from Xcel Energy for use and parking lot this summer and purchase of easement land. Finance has directed \$20,000 to the PIF and \$6000 to the parking lot maintenance fund.

Team liaisons were announced and encouraged to reach out to the corresponding group leaders.

Children's Ministries: Jeanna and Eric

Communications: Madisen

Community Dinner/Keystone: Ross

Kitchen, Funeral/Caterer, Special Gatherings: Ann

Gardens: Leslie

Green Team: Alexander

Faith Family Welfare: Cheryl

Finance: Pat

Unfinished Business:

Review of the Vestry Covenant: Ann led a discussion on our current Covenant that had not been updated since 2015. Looked at each "bullet point" and made some minor changes to wording.

Faith Family Caring Endeavor - Cheryl and Karen met and discussed ways to reach out to the various faith family groups and ways to reconnect them with the parish as we return to post-Covid19 operations. Jeanna reminded us that we need to include the children in these programs. Open to any ideas people may have ie: May Day baskets, goodies drop off on doorsteps, etc. Chris suggested a shared google document for people to add ideas they may have to help with this endeavor.

Parish Hall Floor Labyrinth: Ann led discussion on how we might better use the labyrinth. Fr. Randy shared that as part of the Holy Saturday morning service, Rev. Marilyn Baldwin will be educating us about its use.

New Business

- Library Team Book of "English Hymns & Hymns Writers" was given, as a gift, to St. Christopher. Allison thought the book will be more useful to the University of MN - Hymnal Studies. - tabled for more information / discussion
- Participation in the Roseville Parade June 27: Green Team doesn't want to take organization lead if we do it. After discussion citing need for volunteers, perennial end of the parade placement of float, value of time and effort, and most importantly need to focus on energy on re-engaging our faith family, the vestry took an informal vote and passed on participating this year. Fr. Randy shared the idea of a community Pet Blessing during the ROSEFEST in 2023. He will reach out to the City of Roseville regarding how to go about doing this next year.
- Prayer Box Idea - Vestry discussed Jean Crow's idea of building/installing a Prayer box on property for the community to drop in prayers for the parish to include in weekly prayers. With questions about its location, city approval of installation and how to best make the community aware of it. An informal vote passed on the idea. Discussion did generate ideas about having us put up prayer request postcards on community bulletin boards and a means for soliciting prayer requests through our web page and Facebook page.

Rector Report: Fr. Randy mentioned hosting the Rev. Ted Neuhaus funeral with Bishop Loya presiding on March 24. We are re-evaluating our policy for our coffee gatherings, and are waiting for an update from ECMN on COVID guidelines. We briefly discussed the option of using a mask or not, and leaving it up to whatever each faith family member would be comfortable with. In addition, we discussed the possible purchase of HEPA air filters to be placed in various well used spaces in our facility

Wardens' Remarks

Announcements/Shoutouts

- St. Christopher's Day celebration changed from 24 July to 31 July in conjunction with VBS Food Truck theme
- Steph Mann / Bruce Warkentien: Led the way to boxes of old documents to be shredded
- Calvary Episcopal Church (Rochester) and Janet McNally - For their donations of household furnishing and monetary donation for our future resettlement family.

Compline Reading led by Eric

Adjournment: Motion made by Karen and seconded by Ross, unanimous approval.

NEXT MEETING is 6:45 p.m, 18 April 2022