

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St. Christopher's Faith Family Vestry November 20, 2023

Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Karen Hartman, Junior Warden Barb Hovey, Madisen Crow, Patrick Ahern, Leslie Norton, Cheryl Bailey, Ann Trapnell, Rich Pieper, Darlene Cross, Tom Linder - Finance Team Member, & Clerk Robert Williams.

Absent: Ross Ackerman & Eric Hedican

Opening Prayer/Covenant:

Fr. Randy / Karen

Additions to agenda Karen: Updates the money for the circular pump on the boiler. Moving out of the Youth Room. Nursery's paint chipping.

- Approve agenda Karen
- Approve 16 Oct Minutes: Motion made by Madisen and seconded by Rich; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

Finance Pat/ Tom: Discussed how to best use the financial spreadsheets. We are about 83% of the year. The offerings are about \$17,000 short for the year. It looks that we might be a little bit short for the year on the offerings. We have about 79% of the expected offerings. We are expecting to have around 90% of the offerings at the end of the year.

For expenses, YTD for expenses is 70.92 % compared to 80% that we have for all income. Overall, the budget is great. The expenses are \$63,000 less than budgeted for the year. We paid the Diocesan Assessment earlier in the year. We spent \$5,000 more on facilities than budgeted. For salaries, we are \$ 65,000 under due to the rector not being full-time, medical insurance, and a youth director not being hired. The Youth Director was budgeted for \$5,850. No action was taken by the Finance Committee. The updated budget was as of last Sunday, 9 November for October.

Karen shared some information from Ruth about the pledges' information. As of November 20, there were 110 pledges. We lost 5 due to death, moved or other circumstances. The lost 5 pledges totalled \$23,800. We have possibly 2 new pledges so far they have not responded yet. We have 78 in for the total of \$282,410. We have 7 auto-pays which totals \$ 21,900, if they leave it unchanged. We need to check if people are going to increase or they need to update the withdrawal information. We have 18 that are outstanding for a total of \$29,700. We expect to get a response/pledge from many we have not heard from.. As of today, we are short about \$24,631 on pledges.

Ruth is receiving checks for the Organ Donor Fund. The organ donor account is around \$8,000 donations so far. Ruth moved money from various Memorial Accounts for the amount of \$22,000 into the Organ Account.

Altar Guild: On October 18, the Altar Guild had a short meeting. Deacon Christopher (Haack) taught about the history of the liturgy and the theological meaning of Advent. We updated the calendar for Advent as it is coming up. On December 23, at 1:00 p.m. there will be the greening of the church that the congregation will be invited to. There will be various goodies and hot apple cider to help to celebrate.

Buildings and Grounds Barb: There was work done in the Gathering Room to get the heat more under control. Some valves were fixed. The Choir Room heating needs to be looked at still.

Children's Ministries Karen for Eric: This weekend, there will be a gathering with the youth. The talk will be about Advent. It is open to the entire church between the services.

Communications Madisen: Nothing to add.

Garden/Green Team Leslie: The final clean-up everything went well. For the year, 900 pounds of produce was harvested, which was 200 pounds more than last year. Keystone suggested items that last longer, such as squash and root vegetables.

Hearts and Hands, Meals on Wheels Cheryl: Cheryl talked to Sally. We are trying to figure out when we get a call and we are ready to roll. On Thursday, November 16, Hearts and Hands, had made about 100 cards for children with cancer while they are staying in the hospital.

Working on a system of communication that we can have a team ready to reach out and support those in need. It is difficult when parishioners do not call the church or they are gone a while, the church does not know about how to help. The parish, the church itself, is thinking about you more than just being on the prayer list.

Funerals/Caterer, Special Gatherings Darlene: Nothing to add.

Fellowship/Social Activities Ann: The Event Fair has approximately 30 different events and activities for next year, some are at the church and some off-site. We will launch the Event Fair on the 10th with the Talent Table that Jean Crow and Ann DePolis-Jones are putting together. It will stay open to sign up through 9 Lessons and Carols on the 17th. Ann will talk with Karla about moving the signup sheets to the table in the Narthex on the table during Lessons and Carols since the Parish Hall will be decorated for the reception.

Unfinished Business:

- Welcoming Committee, publications: Welcome to St Chris Packet (see St Matthew's web), welcoming classes- steps going forward (communications team): We somewhat talked about it already, Madison and Karen talked with Chris (Mayr) about the whole welcoming items.
- Stewardship-We have the list of pledge donors. Vestry members will write thank-you notes for the pledges.
- Meal train Karen

New Business :

- Signage: Karen will contact Marion for more information. Marion has signage that she uses different types or VBS (Vacation Bible School). Also, we can contact St. Anne's, in Sunfish Lake, to where they did get their signage.
- Organ Donor program: Nothing to add until we receive updates.
- Marion mentioned to Rich about the paint chipping in the wall of the nursery, on the wall that parallels the hallway. At the bottom of the wall, the paint is chewed up. She was wondering if the wall can be repainted. Building & Grounds might have the paint already, Barb will talk to Jeff, from Buildings & Grounds to have the wall painted.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/26 Advent Tradition sharing with Marion: There might be some happy & not so happy traditions of Advent.

- 12/3 Organ dedication at 10:30am service: The 8 o'clock will be a normal service for Advent I. The 10:30 service focuses on Organ Dedication with special music & readings.
- 12/17 Lessons and Carols will be 4:00pm.
- 12/17 Final Adult Ed for Advent, we will break up the Magnificat.
- 12/23 Decorating of church for Christmas:
- 12/24 Christmas Eve's services, there will be 2 services. Christmas Eve (Day) Services will be at 9:30 a.m. & the family service will be at 5:00 p.m.
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service will be at 9:30.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: The directory is moving ahead. Karen Hanna has been working with Ruth on formatting. Last Sunday, Fr. Randy talked with Karen and it is going well. Matt has one more day for photos on the date of December 3.

Ruth sent an email today, November 20. She has a bid for \$4,945 for replacing the circulating water pump on the boilers. John, from MSI, was here for their Fall / Winter tune up. Fr. Randy will have a follow-up conservation with him. The proposal is good to know. He will forward the bid to Building and Grounds Committee for follow up.

The Daycare will take possession of the youth room on the first of the year. We will move boxes and the furniture from the old Youth Room. Some of the items might be used in the Gathering Room to replace some of the old furniture. The youth room needs to be cleared out. In the near future, we need to tag the items in the youth room. Will the items be saved or are they going someplace else?

Senior Warden Karen: Nothing to add.

Junior Warden Barb: Nothing to add.

Announcements All:

- Shout Outs: Matt / Jeff / Don worked with Rodgers team with installation of speakers, Bruce: rebuilt retaining wall

Closing Sharing and Caring All:

Closing prayer, poem or Compline Karen

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Leslie and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Next Meeting of Vestry: Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.