

**Meet Christ. Be Christ.**  
**St Christopher's Vestry 15 April 2024**

**Attendance:** Senior Warden Barb Hovey, Junior Warden Josh Kattelman, Kathy Ackerman, Rich Pieper, Eric Hedican, Ann Trapnell, Madisen Crow, Darlene Cross, Betsy Wesenberg, & Clerk, Robert Williams **Guests:** Barb Jordahl and Sally Brown

**Absent:** Rector Fr. Randy & Cheryl Bailey

**Opening Prayer :** Josh

Approve agenda and the February Minutes: Motion made by Ann and seconded by Darlene; unanimous approval.

**Additions to Agenda:** Mission Opportunity Funding Request & to prepay MMS Option

**Hearts and Hands Request:** Barb Jordahl and Sally Brown: Sally & Barb (Jordahl) asked for support for collecting soft household items for Bridging. Barb Jordahl volunteers at Bridging and knows they are short of soft items such as towels, blankets and sheets. Sally and Barb would like to set out collection boxes on Sundays, 5 & 12 May. They will put up signs stating what items they are looking for. They will also provide an announcement for Ruth to put into the Christogram.

Motion made by Betsy to support the Bridging Soft Household Items Collection and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

**Team Reports:**

Finance Pat or Bruce: Absent. Barb gave an overview of the finances.

Altar Guild Kathy: Nothing to add.

Buildings & Grounds Rich: Rich & Jeff had a walk around the church. They noticed a leak over the south (funeral) doors.

Children's Ministries Eric: VBS (Vacation Bible School) will run 15 - 19 July 9 o'clock a.m. till noon. The ages of the children will be 3 years old to 5th / 6th Grade.

Communications Madisen: Nothing to add.

Garden/Green Team Betsy: The garden is due to be planted on 11 May, weather permitting. The Road Clean-up is on 21st April, at 8:45 a.m. The bike blessing will be on 2 June. Green team will host Earth Day Coffee hour, 21 April.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels Cheryl: Absent, Barb for Cheryl nothing to add.

75th Anniversary Cheryl: Absent, Barb for Cheryl nothing to add.

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: Jim Haskins' funeral, they had about 100 people attend the funeral. The reception served cookies & drinks. There were 98 people attending the reception.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: The Soup Suppers went very well. There have been several events since we last met. The next event is the Cocktail & Canapes on 20 April. The Craft Group made some quilted hearts with a positive affirmation on one side and St. Christopher's contact information on the other side. The idea is to hand it to someone who might need a positive or hang it on something for someone to find it. In a way, you are forwarding positive ideals, The hearts are located on a tree by the lower narthex.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Pipe Organ: Someone from Florida is interested in the (pipe) organ for a small church. Karla is talking with him & looking at his background. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists. He appears to understand the instrument & the limitations of it. At his expense, he will pay for the disassembly & moving of the organ. Karla will continue the discussion after her vacation.

### **New Business:**

Barb suggested taking July off from vestry meeting. Motion made by Darlene to take the month of July, with no meeting and seconded by Madison; unanimous approval.

Mission Opportunity Funding Grant, Jean Crow submitted a grant request for \$245.00 for a Pride Flag & a Banner. The beneficiaries are St. Christopher's & the Roseville community. The grant is requesting an all inclusive Pride (LGBTQ+) flag for the Sanctuary & an outside banner. Both of them will be available for the 9 June Pride Evensong. The larger banner will be at the entrance to advertise the event. The Vestry discussed the flag & the banner. Kathy made a motion to approve the \$245 on the contingency to review the policies, rules (canons) & regulations to have a Pride Flag in the Sanctuary and Madison seconded it; unanimous approval.

MMS (Mission Ministry Support) is the pledge we give to the Diocese of MN. We need to move about \$60,000 out of our primary bank account to stay within the FDIC limit. Currently, we owe \$ 43,000 to the MMS for April through December. Finance made a motion to pay the MMS in full. After we pay the MMS, our checking account will be over the FDIC limit by about \$16,000. The Finance Committee decided to table on suggestions to do with the remaining amount over \$250,000. Rich made a motion to approve the Finance recommendations to pay the MMS amount of \$43,000, seconded by Ann; unanimous approval.

### **Upcoming Events:**

EMMA (East Metro Ministry Area) is meeting here 18 May. Bishop Craig Loya & the new Dean, the Very Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson of EMMA will be here. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. The Event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m and will include Eucharist.

Pentecost 19 May:

Pentecost pancake breakfast provided by 75th Anniversary committee: The event will be on 19 May & a fundraiser for the October anniversary celebration.

Switch to single 9:30 service 26 May - Memorial Day weekend:

Bike Blessing - 2 June:

Evensong - 9 June - acknowledge Pride Month:

VBS - 15 to 19 July:

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Absent

Senior Warden Barb: Nothing to add.

Junior Warden Josh: Nothing to add.

Shout Outs: Clergy, Altar Guild and musicians for contributions to Holy Week services.  
Deacon Lyn Lawyer for leading the Bible Study of Acts.

Closing Sharing and Caring:

Closing Prayer Eric:

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

**Next meeting of Vestry: Monday 20 May 2024 at 6:45 PM**