

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St. Christopher's Faith Family Vestry 15 January 2024

Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Karen Hartman, Junior Warden Barb Hovey, Patrick Ahern, Cheryl Bailey, Ann Trapnell, Darlene Cross, Ross Ackerman, Leslie Norton, Madisen Crow, Rich Pieper, Eric Hedican and Clerk Robert Williams

Opening Prayer/Covenant Fr. Randy / Karen

Approve agenda and Dec. Minutes: Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Ann; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

- Finance Pat: Last week the Finance Committee reviewed the final budget and submitted the budget to the vestry for review before the annual meeting.
- Altar Guild Karen: Nothing new to add. Pretty soon, we will be thinking about Easter.
- Buildings and Grounds Barb: Jeff Jensen mentioned a shower head and faucet that need to be replaced in the Dellwood House. Fr. Toua bought the fixtures. Jeff arranged for a plumber to do the work.
- Children's Ministries Eric: Nothing to add.
- Communications Madisen: They will have a meeting soon.
- Green Team/Garden Leslie: The Green Team met about planning a meal at Jean Crow's house on 10 February. It is a healthy meal and based on the "Blue Zones."
- Hearts and Hands Cheryl: They will be meeting this week to make goody bags for people who are getting active cancer treatment at the "U."
- Funerals/Caterer/ Special Gatherings Darlene: We had a funeral, but it was not here.
- Fellowship/Social Activities Ann: The Event Statements were prepared on January 15. We raised over \$4,300.00 from Social Activities. Throughout the year, people will have an option to sign up for the bigger events.

With Vestry's approval, we will start the Lenten Soup Series again on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. This year, Kim Johnson and Ann Trapnell will be asking groups or individuals to sign up to bring soup, salad, or bars. They want to include gluten-free and/or vegetarian soups. For this year, there will be 6 Wednesdays from Ash Wednesday on 14 February through 20 March. Palm Sunday is 24 March.

Unfinished Business:

- Stewardship- Barb: Nothing new to add.
- Check-in with Madisen regarding the bulletin board: nothing to report

New Business:

- Annual meeting/Coffee Hour Vestry (Coffee, yogurt, granola, fruit, bread) Karen: Karen will go to Costco to buy the items.
- Daycare wants to expedite the carpet replacement that is in the budget for 2024. This was required in their license review. Don Shiek is working with a carpet contractor to schedule the installation. Don is ordering carpet squares to make future maintenance easier. While the carpet is being replaced, the nursery will be in the Parish Hall for about 2 days.

- Grant request: Marion requested a grant for a donation to The Heifer Project International. During Lent, the children will collect money as a Lenten Calendar Project. Marion is asking for up to \$200 as a matching fund. Marion will explain the purpose of the Heifer Project and let the children select items from the Heifer Project catalog. The mission of the Heifer Project is to end hunger & poverty, in the partnership in the areas that they serve. Darlene motioned to approve Marion's request and was seconded by Ann; unanimous approval.
- Budget-Pat: The Finance Committee approved the final budget and then sent it to the Vestry for approval. The Finance committee will present the budget at the annual meeting. After some discussion, Cheryl made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's Budget and seconded by Richard; unanimous approval.
- Approval Finance Committee lead and treasurer: Karen made the motion to approve Pat Ahern as the Finance Committee Lead. Eric seconded the motion; unanimous approval with 1 abstaining vote. Motion made by Madisen to approve Bruce Warkentien as the treasurer and Ann seconded the motion; unanimous approval.
- Retiring Vestry Members are Patrick Ahern, Ross Ackerman, Karen Hartman and Leslie Norton. Their binders need to be returned to the office.

Upcoming Events:

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Incoming vestry people: Betsy Wesenberg and Kathy Ackerman. We have only 2 incoming vestry members. We may have to rethink our vestry size to add 2 members each year. It is the same thing with the finance committee. We may not need about 8 people sitting around the tables talking about the same thing, The Finance (Committee) work is repeated by the Vestry. We need to think about streamlining and using our human resources and time. Josh Kattelman will be the Junior Warden. Fr. Randy is very excited about the new people coming on and thanked the departing Vestry members. Watch your calendars because Lent is almost upon us. Keep an eye out for things happening as we change the Liturgical Calendar.

Senior Warden Karen: Thanked everyone for making the last two years easy.

Junior Warden Barb: Looking forward to another year. I have learned a lot from Karen and Fr. Randy.

Announcements:

- Shout Outs: Chris Hartman and The Humes/Bailey Boys for moving furniture out of the youth room so it can be rented to the daycare!! For everyone who helped in the Greening of the Church and helped to take down the Christmas decorations, especially Jennifer Wright and Tom Linder.

Closing prayer: Ann

Motion to adjourn: Madisen made a motion to adjourn Darlene seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Next Meeting of Vestry: Monday 19 Feb. 2024 at 6:45 p.m.