

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

18 July 2022 / 6:45 PM / Parish Hall

In Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy Johnson, Senior Warden Chris Mayr, Junior Warden Karen Hartman, Ross Ackerman, Madisen Crow, Alexander Kun, Patrick Ahern, Ann DePaolis-Jones, Leslie Norton, Clerk Robert Williams

Absent: Eric Hedican, Cheryl Bailey, Tom Linder - Finance Team member

AGENDA:

The June Vestry meeting was canceled because there wouldn't be enough members in attendance for quorum.

Opening Prayer and Vestry Covenant Reading Opening Prayer by Fr. Randy & the Vestry Covenant Reading by Chris Mayr

Additions to Agenda:

Minutes Review and Approval: 20 May 2022 Vestry Minutes: Karen made a motion to approve the minutes; Ann seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Pulse of Parish Presenters: 9:30 a.m. service by Ann.

Team Reports:

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

Finance: Patrick:

The PIF lost value, nearly \$48,000, because of our quarterly draw and because of a drop in the stock market. It is a managed fund. Dedicated accounts, there is not too much activity. Statement of Activities: we are ahead because of prepaid pledges since we are at 50 percent. The lines should be 50% compared to budget. Building use is getting better with Chinese Day Care enrollment at capacity and four spiritual direction programs going on in the church. Dellwood rental is on track. Christian Education's expense was for the May Baskets. Facilities are about 62 percent of the budget. The salary of the staff is within budget. The administration is under budget. All of our accounts at NorthStar are under one \$250,000 limit. To ensure total FDIC coverage on all our funds, The Finance Team recommended to Vestry that we move \$50,000 to F&M Bank in Vadnais Heights, (recommended by Treasurer Jean Crow.) Pat made the motion to move \$50,000 to F & M Bank, in Vadnais Heights, to keep the balance below the \$250,000 FDIC insurance limit. The motion was seconded by Madisen ; unanimous approval

Altar Guild: Karen and Randy: Communion Wine is being served in recyclable cups for safety since we can't use a common cup yet. We are reviewing the process & procedure for the Eucharistic Wine for rinsing & cleaning the cups. The residue of the (consecrated) wine needs to go down the piscina, in the sacristy. Looking at disposing of unblest wine purchased before COVID-19 and replacing it with new wine and taking advantage of a July sale at St. Patrick's Guild.

Buildings & Ground: Chris

Randy shared that the new cleaning service started July 1, cleaning every Friday. He took the owner and her crew on a tour of the facilities. Discussion ensued about whether to keep weekend Bathroom Brigade (BB) since activities take place over the weekend that at times leaves bathrooms untidy. We'll revisit whether BB needs to continue once we get back to full operations in the Fall. Chris shared we're still waiting for covered gutters to arrive and be installed above the Sacristy in hopes we put an end to moldy smell in the sacristy and get rid of the trees growing out of the gutters. Bids are being taken for a company to trim the branches dropping gutter seeds and also cut down dead trees near the Dellwood residence. There are committed funds for them. We're still waiting on the company to install a new condenser pump in the Gathering Room air conditioner. Funds have been committed for the cover gutters, tree trimming and removal and the air conditioner.

Children's Ministries: Eric (by Chris): VBS is happening next week. Eric is leading the games feature of the week.

Communications: Madisen: Nothing to add

Community Dinner/Keystone: Ross: Nothing to add

Faith Family Welfare: Cheryl (by Karen)

She read a thank you note from the Brilowskis for the meals they received from the team while Mark was recovering from knee replacement surgery. The team will be working with the Hearts and Hands team in August to put together little goody bags for younger families who are currently attending much like what Hearts and Hands do for our homebound folks.

Gardens: Leslie: The garden is going well. Jeff Jensen is leading. The produce is being harvested.

Green: Alexander: Green is going strong.

Hearts & Hands, Meals on Wheels: Chris: The team is helping do some little projects for VBS and packaging up cookies and then delivering to our homebound. Meals on Wheels: the local paper still featuring our group in the Roseville School district newspaper promoting volunteership for MOW.

Kitchen, Funeral/Caterer, Special Gatherings: Ann: nothing to add.

Stewardship: Karen: Nothing to add

Unfinished Business: Chris:

Confirming St. Christopher's Day July 31 vestry hosted picnic duties: Ann: She passed a sign up sheet around for folks to volunteer for various duties before, during and after the picnic. With the hot weather, and more level conditions for older parishioners' mobility, it was decided to hold it in the Parish Hall. Ann will purchase the food items: brats and hot dogs, veggie dogs, bags of chips, potato salad, watermelon and ice cream treats served from the VBS Food Truck. Ross will cook and come in Saturday to boil brats (can't use beer because need for gluten free).

New Business:

St. Christopher's 75th Anniversary: by Fr. Randy: Don Sheik volunteered to be the Chairman of the Committee. Don is contacting members for the committee. The initial conversation he had with Randy was focused only on the past. We need to be acknowledging the past, but we are to celebrate with eyes looking toward the future. Don sent a letter to Bishop Loya, to let him know.

Rector Report: For the refugees, nothing new on the refugee information or status. We are still waiting for the refugees. Fr. Randy completed the first phase of the National Episcopal Church Survey post-COVID Phase I Data Collection. How did St. Christopher's handle during pre-COVID & post COVID? The first half-payment is \$1,250. They will pay on the front end & on the end of the survey. During the 5 years, they will ask some of the congregation to do a 10-minute survey. The survey is about 10 minutes long. Jeanna McLoughlin resigned from the Vestry for personal reasons.

Wardens' Remarks:

Senior Warden: We have started to think about starting to look for three new vestry members and the new Junior Warden.

Junior Warden: Nothing to add.

Announcements/Shoutouts: The Altar Guild finding the equipment for communion. Tom McNellis leading the music for the 3th July service. Karla is making people happy because of the music.

Compline Reading led by Pat

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

NEXT MEETING is 6:45 p.m. 15 August 2022