

Meet Christ. Be Christ.

St. Christopher's Vestry 19 February 2024

Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Barb Hovey, Junior Warden, Josh Kattelman, Cheryl Bailey, Kathy Ackerman, Rich Pieper, Eric Hedican, Besty Wesenberg, Clerk Robert Williams, & Treasurer - Bruce Warkentien

Absent: Ann Trapnell, Madisen Crow & Darlene Cross

Opening Prayer/Covenant: Fr. Randy/ Josh

Additions to Agenda Barb: Motion made by Josh and seconded by Eric; unanimous approval.

Approve agenda and January Minutes: Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Rich; unanimous approval.

Welcome and Introductions Barb: Welcome to new junior warden and vestry members. Brief roundtable introductions.

Photo:

Team Reports:

Finance Committee: Bruce Warkentien gave an overview of finances.

Altar Guild Kathy: During Lent, the Altar Guild will not be dressing the chalice.

Buildings & Grounds Rich: Rich talked with Jeff. The wall in the nursery was painted. They finished the carpet in the Chinese Daycare.

Children's Ministries Eric: Nothing to add

Communications Madisen: Absent. Barb reported for Madisen. Madisen, Ann, & Karen are working on a newcomers' information handout.

Garden/Green Team Barb: They had a successful Blue Zone dinner at the Crow's house. They continue to collect athletic shoes. We do get money for the donated shoes. They also collect corks & Christmas lights. They promote recycling. The solar panels are doing well. Different churches have contacted Joel Norton asking about the solar panels. They are planning for Spring planting of the Giving Garden.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels Cheryl: They sent flowers to Becky & Robin. Becky declined the Food Train due to her dietary restrictions. We need to figure by Hearts & Hands or the church itself to reach out when a person has a death.

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: Absent.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: Absent. Barb gave the report for Ann: The Event Fair was a big success raising over \$4,300 for 27 events. This includes participation from 44 households and 254 individual registrations. Multiple events have been held already, and several of them have added new registrants prior to the event (meaning the numbers stated above will all continue to grow through the year). Marion Hunner is collecting photos from each event's hosts, and using them throughout the year for social media and internal communications.

Soup Suppers begin Ash Wednesday, and will continue through 3/20. Each week is hosted by a different group, including several of our ministry teams.

75th Anniversary Group Cheryl: Around 10 former priests will attend the event on October 6. The Bishop will attend. The Event will be 6 October 2024. The committee is looking into caterers. They are planning a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in May.

Unfinished Business:

All unfinished business was covered in team reports.

New Business:

From Finance - approve parochial report: Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Josh; unanimous approval.

Structure of Vestry meetings: Pat Ahern suggested moving the Finance Committee to the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Someone from the Finance Committee will stay for the start of the vestry meeting to present a finance report. We will try the new schedule for a few months starting in March and see how it works.

Upcoming Events:

Soup Suppers continue through Lent: The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue until the end of Lent.

Lenten Bible Study: The Bible Study is happening virtual offering and in person.

Sunday School Lenten calendar: Marion has program with the kids talking about Lent means to them. Congregation members are pledging money based on Lenten observances. At the end of Lent, the kids will select items from the Heifer Project International catalog and make a donation.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Fr Randy discussed the ECMN Clergy Retreat in Brainerd. The Bishop commented on how difficult it is to get anybody to fill open positions, at the Diocesan level. There is a big push and encouragement for the laity or the clergy to be involved at that level.

We are continuing the Baptism Covenant Adult Ed. (Rev.) Marilyn is leading it. Following Lent, (Deacon) Lynn Lawyer will help lead a bible study on Acts.

Our on-line presence is going well. Thanks to Ross for helping to roll it out for the 10:30 Service. We are getting some good responses with an average of 30 to 45 viewing.

Fr. Randy is getting some inquiries from people asking to become a member at St. Christopher's. New people are showing up at both services. We have something that is attracting people here.

Senior Warden Barb: Barb read a thank you card from John Lawyer thanking the vestry for the increase in the Library Budget.

Junior Warden Josh: Nothing to add.

Announcements:

Shout Outs: All who are involved with Soup Suppers.

John Lawyer for managing the library and for being a resource when people request books on specific topics.

Closing Sharing and Caring: All

Closing Prayer Barb:

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

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, 18 March 2024 at 6:45 PM