

## VESTRY MEETING

### Minutes

August 17, 2020

Present: Randy, Alexander, Kathy, Allison, Jeanna, Barb, Lisa, Michael, Al, Erin, Tom, Josh;  
Allison, clerk

6:45 p.m. Prayer and Reflections (Randy)

Thinking about leadership, Paul is really dedicated to developing the early church: Are we there again? Ephesians 1:17-18. In his letters, he's not praying for wisdom and success for himself but praying for those around him, and that is my prayer for all of us.

7:00 p.m. Review of Vestry Covenant (Erin)

7:05 p.m. July Meeting Minutes (Kathy)

Erin moved to approve minutes; Tom seconded. Approved.

7:00 p.m. Financials (Tom Linder)

Statement of activities--at 58% of the way through the year, year to date offerings are at 53%; building use is only 30% of expected income.

Salaries are down somewhat, thanks to Randy.

Administration is well in control; facilities expenses also in control.

Income does not include surplus from beginning of year. Income is lacking, and expenses are less.

\$6400 of solar rebate, and reduction in electric bill.

7:15 p.m. Old Business:

Parking Lot Maintenance – Mike

Patch repair completed, \$500 overrun on materials. Crack routing and filling has been done before winter. Originally, a donor said would donate for the patch and an additional \$500 was donated. We're still waiting for Frerichs to pay Bituminous Roadways directly the \$5,500 owed. After that, the anonymous donor will make up the difference. In spring, will need seal coating and striping.

Postcards – Josh

Did a nice job, Josh. About 100 cards left. About \$20 coupon.

Game night? -- Jeanna

Met with Marion, tagged on to her family survey. Just sent out the latest message with 3 possible dates for a get-together. Each family will make a stepping stone for the garden; obstacle course for the kids; a treat at the end. Michael--after an event, write something for Ruth.

## Ask from Isaiah -- Kathy

At an Adult Forum Dan Humes presented Isaiah. Community organizing program with Black churches, barbershops, Muslims, etc. They want us to join the program, about \$200. Financially strapped; Kathy, Michael & Randy don't feel the church is ready for this. Don't have a concrete sense of what would be involved. Kathy: Community events, leadership training: \$500 for a small congregation. Randy: Bishop Craig may be wanting to initiate actions within ECMN.

## Stewardship – Alexander/Mike

Alexander: Randy walked him through the process--established committee members, 3 or 4 people. Message for the parish, why should we give to St. Christopher's? Need to come up with a timeline. Met with Mike. Asking for volunteers. Mike--Ruth has the package put together, by end of September, asking Josh to design a set of postcards to say Watch for your Stewardship ask. First of October to end of the month, Stewardship Drive. People needed to stuff envelopes at the start; have videos of people offering testimonials, 3 minutes max, could attach to the weekly communications. After the official end, need Vestry people to call people who have not yet pledged.

Postcards, ask people if they would want to do a video? Add videos to Facebook. **Jeanna, can also stuff envelopes, as will Lisa and Erin.** Randy: Dear St. Christopher's, here's what's been happening, here are the blessings? What is the connection? Will come out naturally. Could we share it?

Will be asking for 3 to 4 % increase in pledges.

## How did food drive go? Al

Donated about 40 to 50 bags of food to Keystone; maybe do it again in the middle to end of October? Time is a little tight. Also Keystone would like to have cash donations.

7:41 p.m. New Business

Adult Forum – looking ahead for fall winter – more emphasis on “coffee hours” activities

Kathy could use some help; Ask the Rector and Wardens at the end of the month. Look for community gatherings when people can chat. Look for topical things like schools. Interim Daniel invited individuals to share their stories. Different groups that have been active, Altar Guild, Green Team, Hearts & Hands. Chad and the youth who graduated? Ann and Erin, maybe a couple of weeks in, from different perspectives of school nurse and teacher, what is going on? Sept. 27, 10:15. Send Kathy a note if you have ideas

## Start Up Sunday (see email from Ella Snyder)

Sunday Sept. 20: Break out in groups of 6 to 8 to lunch together after a worship service. Send out emails to parish. Hard to do with littles, Erin & Jeanna. Tom would like to work with Ella and get the people there who are interested. Different shifts for families? Doing something similar to speed dating?

## Communications – what more can we do?

Kathy: Kind of stalled out? Michael--communicating the difficulty in considering these things. And to solicit ideas. Tom--some churches are doing drive-in. Altar party? Randy: How can we come up with solutions?

8:13 p.m. Shout Outs: Bruce Warkentien for sweeping the parking lot, saving us several hundred dollars. Parishioners for continuing their pledge payments. Community dinner volunteers.

8:16 p.m. Rector Comments

Trying to keep worship going; working with Bishop on guidelines.

8:18 p.m. Senior Warden Comments

People rotating off are responsible for finding their own Vestry replacements. Will need a Treasurer; someone is considering it. Suzanne Hitchcock needs a break.

8:19 p.m. Vestry Comments

8:30 p.m. Compline -- Ann DePaolis-Jones led

8:33 p.m. Adjournment