

## Minutes of the 3/19/18 St. Christopher's Vestry Meeting.

Members present: Cindy Lee, Mike Sirany, Jan Fillmore, Karen Hartman, Barb Hovey, Tom Linder, Mark Brilowski, Chris Huntley, Daniel Pearson

Members absent: Joel Norton, Becky Lucas, Lisa Spiro

At the beginning of the meeting there was time for prayer and reflection.

Volunteers for The Pulse of the Parish: 3/25/18: Mike at 8:00 and Chris at 10:30.

There were no additions or corrections to previous minutes.

The Financial Report was reviewed, and we are on track. There were some monthly changes due to expenses exceeding income for the month including quarterly payments, but we are ahead for the year due to prepaid pledges.

\*Facilities: Our kitchen use is down, but we are on track w/expenses. Some things are below budget. Facilities - Heating is a little high but the heating season is nearly done. Electric is not on track. This is to be discussed later. Our facility use is in shape. Not much to discuss.

MMSA Tom, Jan to accept Finance Report, (but I think we just file it as it came from the finance committee.) MMSA: Motion Made (by Tom) and Seconded (by Jan), and Approved

\*Conflict Resolution was discussed.

\*Discovery & Discernment: Michael

This group is meeting regularly and will have meeting notes available in the library. The survey is in the office. This is an open process. The committee is mindful of the Parish needs and Parish Structure. They are working on a "Summary of Outcome expectations." The church's website is being reviewed, and its history is being updated. It needs to be monitored and updated regularly. This group suggested that maybe there could be funding for this. They pointed out that one person needs to keep up on website, and it needs to be accurate. This is the primary way people find us. Ruth is helping Tom edit the site. Titles for sermons are needed – per Tom. The committee is looking at timetables for when they may finish their work, but they are still just beginning.

\*Transition plan: (per Karen Olson) The vestry will put together a document on the health of the parish. Cindy began an outline on this and handed out a copy. Tom will help. Karen will help. It was suggested that Joel may help. Michael reported that Spiritual Direction does happen at St. Christopher's.

\*Electricity & Solar Panels: Joel and Cindy are examining documents and agreements that were worked with as this project happened. This was discussed at finance committee. Joel arranged a meeting with chief engineer at Sundial Solar--the technical lead. He looked at performance which is far less than what was promised. Design or equipment or performance needs to be evaluated by Sundial. We have a 10 year loan and payments of \$15,000 per year approximately. Sundial's projections have not been achieved, but Sundial states that it does stand by their

work. The engineer will come back with financial information hopefully this week, and will give it to Joel. There are also questions about how Xcel is billing us, and a meeting with Xcel will be arranged as soon as possible.

\*Organizational Update: We have areas of leadership where people need to step in. We need a go-to person for these areas. The question is who to approach and one on one is best. People's gifts need to be identified and then fit them with appropriate areas.

\*Legacy Giving Update: There were two meetings held and there were two small groups. Let's keep it moving forward. An article will be in Traveler.

Also: How we need to solicit funds to replenish what was taken for the sewer repair. A graphic is good (thermometer) or envelopes for people to donate. People can pay a little each month.

\* Motion was made by Tom, seconded by Karen, to approve Sue Triebenbach as the new clerk of the vestry.

\*There is a mission opportunity request from the finance committee for \$3000 for food and a cook for the first half of the year for the fourth Thursday dinners.

Motion was made by Jan, seconded by Barb, to approve this request.

\*The concept of a potential Endowment Fund policy revision was discussed, creating two separate funds, potentially having a new fund where only the interest earnings would be spent. This discussion will need further consideration. The sewer fix was a loan to ourselves. We need to push to replace this money.

\*Pew chairs in the loft were discussed: They need to be moved to other places. There is not enough room for them with the larger bell choir and table configuration. Some could be placed under the coat rack next to the Sanctuary. A question was brought up: How often would we need to move them? They are very heavy. There were no objections to moving them here and there for people to sit. Another question was brought up: What about storage rooms? Would there be any room there for the chairs?

\*Fr. Toua wants his rent lowered from \$675 to about \$450-500. This was discussed at Finance. We should consider reducing the rent for 3 months to \$500. Could he do more to open the building on Sunday or other times or do other things such as lawn service in the Summer with lowered rent? Fr. Daniel is communicating with the ECMN about Fr. Toua's status. He did have a grant of \$100,000 for mission to Hmong in St. Paul. What are his vocational aspirations? Fr. Daniel sees his role as pastoral direction with Fr. Toua.

Motion was made by Barb, seconded by Michael, to lower the rent for 3 months and asking him to do more around the church.

\*Larry from Chinese Daycare center gave Cindy a letter: Meeting with him will be needed. Their enrollment is down and they are reducing staff wages. A meeting will be convened with Larry to discuss this further, and the letter will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

\*Shoutouts—To Karla and those who organized the event at the Pub on Sunday March 18, 2018. It was a fun event.

Daniel expressed appreciation for what Joel and Cindy are doing with the energy situation.

Daniel received an invite to the East Metro Mission meeting.

Daniel reported about: John Curran and The Spirit of Christ, a contemporary Catholic tradition with everyone welcome. He is wanting to start a parish in Roseville. This group is renting our chapel following the occasional use fee. They meet on Saturday nights. There is an aim for welcoming LGBT folks. There is another group like this that meets at St. Anne's in Sunfish Lake. They were previously at White Bear Lake. John C. is an Episcopalian who was a Roman Catholic priest. This is an experiment.

There will be funerals: Darlene Johnson this week & Joyce Goedeke at a later date.

Confirmation is coming up after Easter at the Cathedral of St. Mark.

Karen reported that the Green Team filled application for the parade and wants to know who pays the fee? Karen will contact Ruth. There are Green Team minutes with more information about solar panels.

A Compline Prayer ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, Vestry Clerk