

**Meet Christ. Be Christ.  
St. Christopher's Vestry 18 November 2024**

**Attendance:** Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Barb Hovey, Kathy Ackerman, Cheryl Bailey, Madisen Crow, Darlene Cross, Ann Trapnell, Betsy Wesenberg, Rich Pieper & Clerk, Robert Williams

**Absent:** Junior Warden Josh Kattelman & Eric Hedican

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Randy

**Additions to Agenda** Barb: No changes

Approve agenda and October Minutes: Motion made by Madisen and seconded by Rich; unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the agenda by Kathy and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

**Team Reports:**

Finance Barb: see Stewardship section.

Altar Guild Kathy: The Altar Guild planning Greening of the Church, 22 December, after the second church's service. It may start around 1 o'clock.

Buildings & Grounds Rich: Nothing to add.

Children's Ministries Eric absent. Barb gave the report on his behalf. Marion is working on the Bible Stories production with videos. St. Christopher's is partnering with St. Matthew's, in St. Paul, and St. John's in the Wilderness, in White Bear Lake.

Communications Madisen: Nothing to add.

Garden / Green Team Betsy: The team reviewed everything that they accomplished throughout the year. They started to talk about future goals being more involved in politics, more grassroots active in the community.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels Cheryl: Nothing to add.

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: There will be a light reception after Lessons & Carols. They are still in the planning process.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: The Event Fair is ready to launch. The written catalog was issued on Sunday, 17 November. There were some changes. Revised catalogs will be out Sunday, 24 November.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Stewardship: So far we have 60 pledges out of 110 expected pledges. That equals 54% of the number of pledges and 73% of the budget amount.

Some people have not received the Stewardship Packet in the mail yet. Ruth has pledge forms on her desk. People can call Ruth to have the forms sent to them. We will continue to remind people to turn in pledges through service bulletins and the weekly email.

After Thanksgiving, Ruth will provide an updated count of pledges. The Wardens will make phone calls to follow up on people who did not turn in their pledges. The Vestry will send thank you cards to people who turned in their pledges.

We prepared leases for the Chinese Daycare & Fr. Toua. When the Daycare added more space earlier this year, we gave them that space at a reduced rate with the understanding that the rate for the new space would be increased for 2025. The new lease reflects this change. We are asking Fr. Toua for \$50.00 more per month in rent. Their rent is still way below the market. He is providing security for the Church.

Currently, we are 83% through the year and expenses are 69% of the planned amount. So far, we are doing well. We did not have to tap into our reserves so far in 2024.

Reminder: January meeting is second Monday 13 January: We need to approve the final budget. The Annual Meeting is the third Sunday of the month, 19 January 2025.

## **New Business:**

Searching for Vestry members & Junior Warden. Let Fr. Randy, know if you have ideas.

Junior Altar Guild Members: The Bowman girls want to learn to be Junior Altar Guild members. The Altar guild will be their mentors.

## **Upcoming Events:**

The 2024 Event Fair will be launched on 8 December between and after the services. There will be an Ice cream Social.

The Talent Table will be on 15 December, between and after the services.

Lessons & Carols will be 15 December at 4:00 PM.

Greening of the church will be 22 December at about 12:00 PM

Rector Report Fr. Randy: He gave a recap of the ECMN (Episcopal Church in Minnesota) Convention in Bemidji during 8 - 9 November 2024

Shout Out - The Finance Committee for working hard on the budget.  
Fr. Toua and family did security for the church.

Closing Prayer: Betsy

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Ann and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

**Next meeting of Vestry: Monday 16 December 2024 at 6:45 PM**