

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St. Christopher's Vestry Meeting 16 December 2024

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

Absent:

Opening Prayer : Fr. Randy

Additions to Agenda Barb: Approve agenda and November Minutes: Motion made by Kathy and seconded Rich by ; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

Finance: Barb gave a recap of the finances.

Altar Guild Kathy: The Altar Guild has been about 3 weeks keeping track of people using the common cup and the individual cups. In general, about one -third of the communicants are taking the Common Cup. It is about half for the Wednesday Service.

Buildings & Grounds Rich: Nothing to add.

Children's Ministries Eric: Nothing to add .

Communications Madisen: Nothing to add.

Garden / Green Team Betsy: Garden Team: Nothing to add. Green Team: They are still collecting sneakers and Christmas lights.

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

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: The Nine Lessons & Carols reception was a smooth success.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: The Event Fair is going through Dec 29. The Talent Table on December 15 raised around \$800.00 for the Missionary Opportunity Fund.

Unfinished Business:

Stewardship: status and thank you notes to those who pledged: So far, we have over 90 returns. The Vestry discussed getting and sending the thank you cards.

Reminder: January Vestry meeting is second Monday, 13 January: Barb reminded the Vestry about the date change.

Need to recruit Junior Warden & Vestry members at large: The Vestry discussed different options &/or ways for recruiting Vestry Members & the Junior Warden.

New Business:

Annual meeting 19 January after a single service (at 9:30 a.m.): The Vestry talked about preparing a simple meal after the Service prior to the Annual Meeting. Next month, the Vestry will finalize the meal.

Accept Randy's annual housing form. On 16 December, the Clerk of the Vestry signed and dated the Housing Allowance Designation For Priests Who Own Or Rent Their Homes document. The compensation for Reverend Randy W. Johnson is \$74,279.00, of which, effective January 1, 2025, \$62,000.00 is hereby designated to be a housing allowance pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and it is further Resolved, that the designation of \$62,000.00 per year as a housing allowance shall apply to all future years unless otherwise provided.

Upcoming Events:

Greening of the Church, 22 December at noon

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day 9:30 am

Epiphany presentation 5 January at 10:30 service: The children will do a play for Epiphany.

Annual Meeting 19 January: See the Annual Meeting, under the New Business section.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: On 31 December, he will have surgery, at 5:30 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood. He might stay at least one overnight, 1 January 2025. St. Christopher's Church is in good hands with Deacon Christopher Haack, Reverend Marilyn Baldwin, and Reverend Mary Rowe. They can take over if they are needed.

Senior Warden Barb: Nothing to add.

Junior Warden Josh: Nothing to add.

Shout Out: Kim Johnson, Ann Trapnell and the team that planned the 2024 - 2025 Event Fair. Karla and the musicians who performed Nine Lessons and Carols. The people who prepared and helped with the reception after Nine Lessons and Carols.

Closing Prayer: Josh

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

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday 13 January 2025 at 6:45 PM