

Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018

In Attendance: Jeff Jensen, Cindy Lee, Jan Fillmore, Darlene Cross, Mike Sirany, Chris Huntley, Karen Hartman, Barb Swanson, Becky Lucas, Fr. Daniel Pearson, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Elizabeth Grayden, Mark Brilowski,

Opening Prayer/Meditation: Lead by Mike

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Chris at 9:30

Approval of December 18 Minutes: Jan made a motion to accept the December minutes with one correction. Karen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Additions to the Agenda: Mike has new business, about Stained Glass Windows of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church published in 2000

Financial Report: Cindy reported that the 2017 year end numbers were mostly on track. The PIF reflects the sewer payment, so the balance is now \$226,000. The surplus of \$4,643 that we brought forward from last year was unused and we were \$2,599 in the black for the year. These amounts will be reflected in the 2018 budget. There have been no significant actions in the dedicated accounts. Offerings are at 93% of the budgeted amount for the year, but we are expecting that some of these funds will still come in. Expenses were slightly lower than budgeted because of rector salary. Some areas of administration and program expenses have also been below budget.

Ongoing Business:

Team Reports - Short term goals: There were no updates on team reports.

- Increasing volunteers
- Church growth
- Facilities revenue
- Planned giving

Discovery/Search Committee Update and Next Steps: The discovery and search committees have been selected. Fr. Daniel has a schedule for meeting with the discovery & discernment team. Their first meeting will be Monday, January 22nd. They will review the information from the parish wide survey that was conducted and the results of the survey will be shared with the parish on February 18th. Fr. Daniel reviewed the task and expected outcomes of the discovery & discernment team.

Nave Chair Configuration: There was a discussion about the current chair configuration in the Nave. Cindy has heard from several parishioners who have expressed their concerns, primarily that the chairs don't line up with the kneelers. There are no complaints about having the children up front. It is felt that, for church growth, it is very positive to have an area that is welcoming to children and families. There are some areas where chairs and kneelers are aligned. Fr. Daniel uses the kneelers daily. He gave some insight, noting that this arrangement is more circular, therefore more interactive, and the current configuration is good for the children as they are seeing liturgical action when they look up. We do need to acknowledge the discomfort. It was felt that there is not a compelling argument to make any changes at this time. It is important to communicate the decision back to the parish along with an explanation about why we are keeping things the way they are so people feel heard. Becky suggested identifying a couple of

rows on each side where the chairs are lined up with the kneelers and let people know. Becky moves that we leave the chair arrangement as it stands for the foreseeable future. Barb seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Cindy will write up something for the Traveler to let people know of the decision and the reason behind it.

Red Crucifer Cross: There have been some concerns raised by people who object to the red cross in the sanctuary and would like us to go back to using the bronze cross. Fr. Daniel shared some information. There is tension between the two crosses, the red cross and the large hanging cross. This reflects our Anglican heritage as a midpoint between the catholic and protestant faiths. Fr. Daniel feels there is adequate reason to have the red cross, but notes that we could also use the other cross on occasion. There was no plan to a vote on this issue, just to have a discussion. Fr. Daniel is happy to talk with anyone who has a concern. As a reminder, the priest has ultimate say.

New Business

2018 Budget: Cindy reviewed the final 2018 budget that the finance committee recommended. The finance committee worked hard to create this budget and we are grateful to them and Ruth, who is very knowledgeable about the finances of the church. Jeff made a motion that we approve the 2018 budget as written. Darlene seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Ruth will present the budget at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Agenda and Brunch: Ruth is working on the agenda and reports for the annual meeting which is this Sunday. The vestry will provide the brunch, set up, serve and clean up. Jeff sent around sign up for the brunch. Jeff will set up and tear down tables and chairs. Others volunteered to serve and clean up.

Mary Rowe's Work During the Transition: Mary has been focusing her attention on folks who are not able to be as active as they once were. She has been providing pastoral care and has developed positive relationships with many. Mary has an important role in the community and we need to affirm her in the role. This is reflected in the 2018 budget.

Stained Glass Windows Brochure: Mike brought to the attention of the vestry, a brochure entitled "Stained Glass Windows of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church". It was created by parishioners in April 2000 and Mike found it in the library. He thinks it is an interesting resource that describes the history of the stained glass windows. Ruth would be able to print additional copies to put out. Jeff suggested that Ruth go ahead and print up several copies.

New Vestry Candidates:

Junior Warden - Joel Norton.

Vestry -Lisa Spiro, Barb Hove, and Tom Linder

Shoutouts:

Ann DePaolis-Jones for her work as clerk of the Vestry.

Suzanne Hitchcock for her work as Treasurer.

Rector and Wardens Comments

Member comments

Closing Prayer

Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones

