

## **St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes**

11 February 2023 / 9:00 a.m. / Parish Hall

**In Attendance:** Rector Fr. Randy Johnson, Senior Warden Karen Hartman, Junior Warden Barb Hovey, Madisen Crow, Patrick Ahern, Leslie Norton, Cheryl Bailey, Eric Hedican, Ann Trapnell, Rich Pieper, Darlene Cross, & Clerk Robert Williams

**Absent:** Ross Ackerman

Welcome (Karen) Karen welcomed the new vestry members!

### **AGENDA:**

**Opening Prayer and Vestry Covenant Reading:** Opening prayer by Fr. Randy & Vestry Covenant Reading by Madisen.

**Additions to Agenda:** (Karen) Karen made a motion to approve the agenda; Ann motion to approve the agenda; Madisen seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

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Grace Church Parking Lot Usage: (Karen) Grace Church has a huge women's bible study that takes place on each Wednesday mornings beginning on 22 March 2023 until 10 May 2023. The time period is about 9:45 a.m. until about 11:15 a.m. They may need more parking spaces for the event. They have a limited amount of parking spaces due to Park & Ride and (Roseville) High School parking. They want to use some of our parking spots. There will need about 20 spots, as overflow parking for the event. They will park closer to the Hamline Avenue side near the fencing area. It will not affect us due that we have few vehicles in the parking lot during the day.

Karen made the motion to grant permission for Grace Church to use our parking lot on the 22nd (March 2023), Madison made the motion to approve the motion by Madison; Eric seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Approve Parochial Report: (Karen) Fr. Randy gave a recap & explanation of the Parochial Report. This is an annual thing at the beginning of the year. We will send it to the (National) Church in New York City, NY. The report is due by 1 March 2023. The report covers: the number of adult communicants in good standing, the ethnicity of the parish (best guesstimate), the ages of the parishioners (best guesstimate), the number of

services and average numbers of those attending services, the average numbers and non-Sunday's services, what type of service your congregation worshiped, e.g. outside services, racism and injustice how the congregation is doing with it, engagement with the community, financial status of the parish, stewardship and financial outcomes, challenges and opportunities of the year, the number of Clergy here with names, how many Deacons are serving here with names, the rough amount of people, who are engaged in outreach ministries and volunteered activities. We provided an estimate for the outreach volunteers numbers. This is somewhat of a snapshot of the (National) Church. Sometime later this year, the (National) Church will give a synopsis of the (National) Church. People who are interested can read the report. We need to approve it at the Vestry level to assure that numbers are the best of our knowledge and to our abilities are true. The Parochial Report needs to be signed by: the Parish Administrator (Ruth Thillen), the Wardens (Senior Warden Karen Hartman & the Junior Warden Barb Hovey), the Rector (Fr. Randy Johnson), the Treasurer (Jean Crow), & the Clerk of the Vestry (Robert Williams).

Pat made the motion to approve the Parochial Report to submit it to the National Church; Rich seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Photo? Tabled it for 20 March 2023 Vestry meeting.

**Minutes Review and Approval:** 16 January 20223 Vestry Minutes: Tabled it for 20 March 2023 Vestry meeting.

Discussion of Team & Liaisons - how do we want to proceed ? (Barb) We would like to have a Vestry liaison for each team. It is a way for the teams to have support from Vestry in answering questions and concerns and so the Vestry stays informed with what is going on in our community. Barb will send an email to the Vestry members for their preferences for the liaison teams. People can give their preferences by ranking them. To make sure, there is some type of communication or information getting back to the people or to the Clergy.

**Vestry Team Liaison Reports:** (Barb)

**Team Reports:**

**Finance:** (Pat) Nothing has changed since we last met at the Annual Meeting. The Finance Meeting will be held next week, 13 February 2023. The only thing the Vestry should be concerned about is our checking balance. We need to do another transfer to the other account to keep our balance below \$ 250,000. It will be around \$ 100,000 needs to be moved.

**Altar Guild:** (Karen)

**Buildings & Ground:** (Barb)

**Children's Ministries:** (Eric) VBS (Vacation Bible School) starts 24 - 28 July 2023, at 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. Marion may have sent out a survey to think about people and friends, who may want to join. We are planning to see if there are enough children to make it worthwhile and to determine if there are enough (young) adults to spend time with the children. Children's ages are 3 (the youngest) or 4 to 10 years old up to 4th Grade. The 5th graders, they come back as helpers. In the past, they had middle / junior school kids come back to help also.

**Communications:** (Madisen)

**Community Dinner/Keystone:** (Ross)

**Faith Family Well Being:** (Cheryl)

**Green Team:**(Open)

**Garden:** (Leslie)

**Hearts and Hands, Meals on Wheels:** (Open)

**Kitchen, Funerals/Caterer, Special Gatherings:** (Open)

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:** (Fr. Randy) Girl Scout Cookies: Daisy Girl Scouts will be selling cookies. Fr. Randy will talk to Marion so she can talk to the parents about selling the cookies. No need for the Vestry to vote on it.

Lenten Simple Soup Meals for Wednesday will start on 1 March 2023. The meal will be soup and bread. Kim Johnson called Ann DePaolis-Jones for some guidance or ideas. Kim Johnson and Ann Trapnell, they can help to spearhead it & to coordinate it. The information will be sent out in the bulletin and an email blast. People or a group can sign up for a particular Wednesday. There will be six Wednesdays. It will be an open door policy. People can arrive at any time between 5:00 p.m to 6:30 p.m.

**Rector Report** (Fr Randy):

The Clergy Conference, in Brainerd, will be on 16 - 18 February 2023. Fr. Randy, Reverend Marilyn, & Deacon Christopher will be going. It will be the first one that we can get together since COVID.

Ash Wednesday Services, there will be two services on 22 March 2023 at 12:15 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. During the Lenten Season, we will have a "The Stations of the Cross" Service on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. During Lent, we will be doing an Adult Education Forum between the services. Maryln will be working on that. During Holy Week, there will be a Palm Sunday Service (2 April), a Maundy Thursday Service (6 April), & a Good Friday Service (7 April), & Easter Day Service (9 April 2023). We will forgo Easter Vigil Services.

**Wardens' Remarks:**

Senior Warden (Karen): Nothing to add.

Junior Warden (Barb): Nothing to add.

**Announcements/Shoutouts:** (All) Karla Cole for her hard work in trying to fix the organ. Becky Lucas all that she does with the Afghani family.

Fr. Randy led a prayer for a Collect for Saturdays.

**Adjournment** (Karen): Motion made by Madisen and seconded by Darlene; unanimous approval.

**NEXT MEETING is Monday, 20 March 2023, 6:45 p.m.**