

Vestry Meeting Feb. 19, 2022

Parish Hall, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Roseville, Minn.

Following Vestry retreat

In attendance: Fr. Randy Johnson, Senior Warden Chris Mayr, Junior Warden Karen Hartman, Ross Ackerman, Patrick Ahern, Cheryl Bailey, Madisen Crow, Ann DePaolis-Jones, Eric Hedican, Alexander Kun, Jeanna McLoughlin, Leslie Norton; Clerk Allison Jensen

Minutes, subject to Vestry review and approval at the March meeting.

11:10 a.m. **Reading of the Covenant**, in unison, with Patrick leading.

Additions to agenda (for next time): Ann suggested that, at the next meeting, the Vestry revisit the covenant to ensure it says what this evolving body of vestry people would like to express.

**Review and approval of Jan. 17, 2022 minutes** by Vestry voice vote.

Jeanna made motion to approve; seconded by Karen; unanimous approval

**Volunteers to present the Pulse of the Parish** at the two services on Feb. 27?

Leslie will present at 8 a.m.; Ann will present at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to everyone, going over expectations such as **Safe Church training**, to protect our children and vulnerable adults. "Please get it done." It's a 3-year certification.

Brief Financial Report

- Only in second month of the year: all looks okay for now. We have a surplus.
- Xcel Energy (Northern States Power) has offered to purchase an easement on the west side of our church property, to make possible their project to replace the underground gas pipeline.
  - An attorney has written up appropriate language for a contract.
  - Needs to pass through approval process at Episcopal Church of Minnesota, Bishop Loya, and the Standing Committee of the diocese. Our parishioner Chris Bowman serves on the Standing Committee.

Vestry Faith Family Team Liaisons

Karen led lively discussion on

- whether to match up certain elements, like Giving Garden and Green Team;
- whether those Vestry members currently matched want to stay in those roles; and
- what about giving those new to the Vestry the opportunity to choose their role?

Just introducing some of the issues; the Vestry will discuss further at upcoming meeting.

Caring calling from Vestry to Shut-ins? Should it continue (begin again with new Vestry)?

How else might we let people know we're here at St. C's as their faith family? "We care; you belong."

Tender texting? Create a postcard: Are you interested in having someone call you? "We miss you."

Put envelope in the pews for offerings (add line about "I'd like to speak to a clergy person" or similar wording).

Birthdays: We are not listing everyone's — Eric's family birthdays aren't listed, for instance. Why is that? How can we remedy that?

Parochial Reports, Fr. Randy, with spark notes from Ruth.

On average, 67 on Sundays for services; Wednesday midday services have increased from about 3 people to nearly 20.

Motion to approve St. Christopher's Parochial Report; seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Rector's report, Wardens' Remarks, Shoutouts, Sharing, and Compline completed the Vestry meeting. Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

Next meeting is Monday, March 22, 6:45 p.m.