

St Christopher's Vestry Meeting  
March 18, 2019

Members present: Joel Norton, Kathy Ackerman, Mark Brilowski, Karen Hartman, Chris Huntley, Barb Hovey, Tom Linder, Lisa Spiro, Erin Bowman, Josh Kattelman and Al Reedstrom.

Meeting minutes from the Vestry and Search team and from the previous vestry meeting were reviewed. There were corrections to spelling and grammar and to correct the spelling: Aldridge. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Al to accept the minutes of the February 2019 vestry meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes from the special vestry and search committee meeting will be reviewed at the next Vestry meeting.

Financials: We are well ahead of where we need to be with our income. Our expenses are 14.44% versus an anticipated 16%. The staff pension numbers are not in the report. We are at \$44,000+. Building Use groups are catching up. We caught up the Water and sewer bill for 6 months for the Dellwood property, and Fr. Toua is paying us back \$100.00 per month until this is caught up. We have had higher heating bills and the utility costs are up a bit. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Tom to accept the finance report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was a Capital Campaign Meeting and a letter about this has gone out to members of the parish. There will be pledge packets which have been finalized and will also go out. The vestry will receive theirs first. There will be an informational meeting on this on March 31, 2019 and led by Scott Crow. There will be a personalized approach to handing out and picking up the pledge information.

Solar Panel update: Tom took video pictures of the new ones that are on the flat roof over the choir room area.

New Business:

Mission Opportunities:

When a request over \$500.00 comes in to the finance committee, it must be submitted to the vestry for approval. There have been requests from Sally Brown for \$500.00 for Meals on Wheels and \$1500.00 for the community dinners. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Erin to approve these requests. The motion carried.

Youth Trip Grant request from Chad O'Leary: The request is for \$2710.39 which is the cost of the trip and preparation for the trip. The break down of the costs are for \$677.88 for preparation time. \$705.00 for food, lodging and transportation, and \$1800 for salary: (\$1327.51 actual cost is minus what he already earns.) Parents are doing part of the planning/preparations. The finance committee recommended to approve \$2,150.00. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Chris to pay \$2710.39. The motion carried.

Steel Door Replacement: The lower Northwest door to the building (known as the Choir Door) needs to be replaced. Both a door and a door frame are needed. The building repair and maintenance fund is at \$600.00. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Karen to ask Ebie Richards to donate from the

Jim Richards memorial money to pay for the needed new steel door at the northwest corner of the building.

A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Al to pay Fr. Daniel's final pay check of \$3125.00 as recommended by the finance committee for the whole of the last month he was with us. The motion carried.

A letter of agreement for Fr. Randy been completed. The Full time salary amount was bumped up to approximately \$67,000 from \$64,000. There are separate numbers for the pension. The Bishop (Prior) has agreed to this. Cindy Lee also helped with this process.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Karen to appoint Suzanne Hitchcock as our new treasurer. It was approved. Suzanne and Bruce Warkentien will be doing the audit together.

There have been ice dams on the Dellwood house. This caused water to come into the kitchen. Repair is needed. This is covered by insurance. The Attic insulation and the walls need to be looked at.

Security issues: People's keys were taken from the hanging coat pockets and some cars were entered and things were missing. Checks on top of the mail boxes were missing. Janet's car window was broken in the parking lot. We can look at how we are to be both welcoming and safe at church.

Fr. Randy will have a housing allowance based on #107 of the Internal Revenue code. He will be claiming \$20,000 for his housing allowance. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Tom to approve this. The motion carried.

Shout Outs: go to the search committee and to Cindy Lee.

Senior Warden comments: We've done a lot—a new Rector and getting the Capital Campaign off the ground.

Junior Warden comments: There are coming attractions: The nursery will be rehabbed, the rector's office is problematic and needs updates.

There were questions about when our rector might move to full time from 75% time. He will be here on Sundays and a half plus day on Monday. He will be in all day on Wednesdays. There is flexibility at the State and here at St. Christopher's.

Fr. Mark Kelm (early retired rector from St. John's in the Wilderness, White Bear Lake) is thrilled that Fr. Randy is here, and he will help out if needed.

Fr. Randy has been working with schools in his State job.

There was a brief Compline service.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Erin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach  
Clerk of the vestry