

Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017

In Attendance: Darlene Cross, Fr. John Dwyer, Jan Fillmore, Jeff Jensen, Becky Lucas, Mike Sirany, Chris Huntley, Barb Swanson, Cindy Lee, Mark Brilowski, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Elizabeth Grayden, Karen Hartman

Reading: The Agile Church, by Dwight Zscheile, Chapter 3

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Darlene at 10:30 and Mike at 8:00

Approval of April 17 Minutes: Cindy made a motion to approve the April minutes as written and Mike seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved as written.

Additions to the agenda:

Discussion on August vestry meeting date

Financial Report: Fr. John reported that at 33.3% of the year we are \$11,738 in the red for the month and \$21,738 in the black for the year. We have had a lot of outlay this month for quarterly payments, including insurance and water bills. We also made a half year payment towards the solar panels. Income for building use is on track except for the kitchen rental. The YTD percentages are still good.

Ongoing Business:

Vestry Goals and Dreams

Team Reports – Short term goals:

1. Maintenance - Mark has contacted three companies to get bids for the sewer line repair.
2. Increasing volunteers – The team was not present
3. Church growth – The team hasn't met, but Mike proposes that they think of some ways to evaluate whether we are making progress in this area. Fr. John shared information about a child-centered service at a church he recently visited in New York. It was a shortened service that was completely kid friendly. John would like to have a meeting this summer with our families with children. The plan would be to listen to them about what would work for their families and then figure out how to respond as a church. There was a discussion about what would work for St. Christopher's.
4. Facilities revenue and planned giving - Cindy reported that she and Becky met and came up with a list of ideas that could optimize the use of the facility and raise revenue. She shared the list and asked for feedback. We will need to prioritize two or three items and then find volunteers to follow through. Cindy will share the list with vestry members.

5. Planned Giving – Cindy has some ideas about folks who may be interested in helping with this effort. There is material on the ECMN website that she would like to explore. She suggested we get an informational letter out to parishioners in the fall and then host an informational event in September. She also suggested the leadership of the church lead by example by doing something personal with planned giving.

Pentacost: The service will be “All Together at 9:30” on June 4. Brunch will follow the service. Jeff passed around a sign-up sheet for the brunch so folks could sign up to bring food.

New Business:

Resolution: Fr. John shared a Resolution of St. Christopher's in support of Roseville becoming a Sanctuary City. Deacon Janet and Cindy have attended meetings with 14 Roseville faith communities who are working with city officials to work towards Roseville becoming a sanctuary city. The resolution separates the role of local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement. There are many people who are afraid to talk to police because they are afraid that ICE may become involved and threaten deportation. The city council has to pass a separation ordinance, but if churches feel called to support the resolution, the council may be swayed. There needs to be three council member votes for it to pass. This is an interfaith effort and if the vestry approves and signs on, we can offer to the congregation to get additional signatures. After some discussion, Jeff moved that the resolution to ask city council to pass a separation ordinance be adopted as written. Cindy seconded the motion. Additional discussion ensued before the vote was taken. The motion was approved by a majority and opposed by one. Vestry members were given an option of signing the resolution.

August Vestry Meeting: Potential dates for the vestry picnic and meeting were discussed.

Shoutouts:

All those who prepared and planted the Giving Garden
All the people helping in cleaning up our flower gardens
Those who organized our kitchen pantry (Cheryl Warkentein, Julie Shiek, Cynthia Verhey, Don Shiek and Bruce Warkentein)

Rector and Warden Comments
Member Comments and Concerns
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Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones