

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St. Christopher's Faith Family Vestry 15 May 2023
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church 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 & Tom Linder - Finance Team Member

Opening Prayer

Fr. Randy

The Reading of Vestry Covenant

Additions to agenda: Motion made by Darlene and seconded by Leslie; unanimous approval.

Approve agenda: Motion made by Darlene and seconded by Leslie; unanimous approval.

Approve April Minutes: Motion made Cheryl by and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Team Reports

Finance Pat: The Statement of Financial Position: It is a listing of all of our assets. We moved some money to a CD (Certificate of Deposit) in a savings account. We will have an interest-bearing account. The PIF (Pooled Investment Fund) actually gained even though we took \$21,847.42 after the quarterly total. Overall for the month, year to date, we have \$ 444,330, in surplus. At the moment, income is exceeding expenses. We are still looking to see a balanced budget this year. Fr. Randy is still at half-time. We will see a surplus this year. Overall, the expenses are still down. Our building use is increasing. The music teacher and Spiritual Direction have had more people involved. The Chinese Daycare has regular attendance. The heating expense is going down.

Altar Guild Karen: Nothing to add.

Buildings and Grounds Barb: We will have a topic in the new business section.

Children's Ministries Eric: Nothing to add

Communications Madisen: Chris (Mayer) met with Emilia Seay Allen, the Missioner for Communications for the ECMN. Talked about what she does. We could use ECMN's resources. They also met with Mollie, at St. Stephen, in Edina, who is a full-time communication and marketing person. We have a lot of good resources.

Garden/Garden Leslie: The weather cooperated and everything was planted over the last 2 Saturdays. Always looking for helpers to water, harvest, or weed!!

Hearts and Hands, Meals on Wheels Cheryl: Nothing to add.

Funerals/Caterer, Special Gatherings Darlene: Darlene made a draft for Funeral Receptions at St. Christopher's. The document is to inform the Vestry of the potential changes for funerals. The options are for a full-service luncheon or cookies, coffee and lemonade. Tables will be decorated with flowers. Finding caterers has been difficult due to long term effects of COVID. St. Christopher's will pay for cookies, lemonade, and coffee, with table flower decorations. We would like to have a caterers' list for the families to choose. Discovering that caterers used in the past are no longer in business. We want the staff to be aware of the general expectations of the families. When we have a caterer come to serve the meal, we need someone from the committee to do general stuff, e.g., to meet the caterer. Eventually, they will prepare a pamphlet to help the families. Hope to put information on Funerals on our website in the near future.

Fellowship/Social Activities Ann T: We have 6 or 7 people meeting this week to discuss social activities at St. Christophers. Having a suggestion box was brought up. Group to gather input from different ages and interest groups of the congregation. What are the items that we used to do in the past that people missed? Are there any new ideas that people may want to try? We will want to have as many people's opinions as possible.

Unfinished Business: (All)

Open Arms: Pat did connect with the Group Coordinator for dates and times. The St. Paul site has Saturday shifts from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. They do have another one that goes from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We need at least 8 volunteers but not to exceed 15. There will be a short orientation training.

Labyrinth: Marilyn will be happy to lead a presentation on Labyrinth. Looking at dates in the Fall, perhaps on a Wednesday.

St. Christopher's Day: July 30 the Vestry will be serving breakfast after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall. All are invited. A burrito bar will be provided.

Gathering with other Congregations: Fr. Randy will be meeting on May 20 with other congregations in the area. Hoping to make some connections with other Parishes for collaboration.

June 4th will be "Blessing of the Wheels" after church in the parking lot: We have highway cleanup on that day also.

New Business Karen:

Sewer Project: The company found a way to connect the cistern to the sewer. It will cost \$17,300. Finance committee recommended taking money from the PIF (which is for Capital Improvements) to pay for it. Ann made a motion to approve the PIF fund to pay for the sewer project. Motion made by Ann and Pat seconded by unanimous approval.

The Finance Committee: The 75th Anniversary Committee requested \$1,000 for the 75th celebration. It was recommended to move \$1,195 from the Lois Zwiég Memorial. It will be a line item. Ann made a motion to approve the transfer for the 75th celebration and Darlene seconded by unanimous approval.

Daycare would like to replace the carpet in the large room (not Nursery) with vinyl flooring at their cost. We need to look into what the flooring underneath is (asbestos or not?) before moving forward.

Travel plans for the summer? July or August? We need a Quorum to hold a meeting, discuss taking off July due to vacations etc. We can have an emergency meeting if necessary. We will have three days' notice if something comes up. If an emergency meeting was necessary we would meet to discuss and/or vote on the matter.

Sneakers Karen: Jean Crow found an organization that accepts gently used sneakers (gently used tennis shoes or athletic shoes). Sometime in the near future, we will have a collection. Jean will bag them and ship them to the organization. The organization will pay for the shipping.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Single, combined Sunday Service will start on Pentecost (Memorial Day Weekend, 28 May 2023) will start at 9:30 am. Fr. Randy received an email from Anthony Fiorino, from Emerald Sun Energy, in Orlando, FL. He is asking permission to use an image of our church building (of the solar panels) for his brochures and website. He is willing to pay for the image (of our solar panels) or give some type of donation to St. Christopher's. Our image of our solar panels is around on the website. Fr. Randy will call him back for more information.

Wardens' Reports:

Senior Warden; Karen Nothing to add.

Junior Warden; Barb Nothing to add .

Announcements All

Shout Outs: Giving Garden crew, Karla, Darlene, and Karen, for the 7 May, Rogation Sunday.

May 28th- Memorial Day weekend / Pentecost: start of combined service at 9:30
Closing Sharing and Caring All

Compline Ann

Motion to adjourn Karen: Motion made by Pat and Leslie seconded by unanimous approval.

Monday, 19 June 2012, 6:45 p.m.