

St. Christopher's Vestry minutes of 5/21/18

Members present: Cindy Lee, Joel Norton, Mike Sirany, Jan Fillmore, Karen Hartman, Barb Hovey, Tom Linder Mark Brilowski, Lisa Spiro, Fr. Daniel Pearson.

Members Absent: Chris Huntley and Becky Lucas.

The meeting began with a reading from the Bible and time for reflection and discussion.

Jan volunteered to read the Pulse of the Parish.

Addition to the minutes from the April vestry meeting: It was Jim Pearson of Xcel Energy who met with Joel. Rachael Babbitt, mentioned in the April minutes, is one of the ECMN Missioners. A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Tom to approve the April minutes as amended. The motion Carried.

There was a question about Fr. Toua's situation. He is to open and close the church on Saturdays and Sundays too. In the morning, the church opens about 7:30 and closes at the close of activities. Cindy and Ruth will talk about this and clarify.

There was a brief report on the April financials. There was no Financial meeting due to the Audit with St. John's church. Things are staying on track; there are no anomalies. Our Financials are pretty good with the income. We are over budget on our electric. Heating is seasonal. The Green Team is going to look at our energy use—audit it--and keep our use down. If you notice a standalone air conditioning unit turned on, turn it off. Cottonwood seeds in outside units will be cleared away. There is a need to be aware of the pianos who need a more constant temperature. Financials reports were accepted.

Conflict resolution update: Daniel has concluded his project as of last Saturday with the conversation and service of reconciliation which was attended by 24 people. Karla suggested to have coffee time afterward which was a good idea that she made happen. It was good that people felt included again. It was good for forgiving and maybe there could have been more of owning one's responsibility. It was important that something got done. It brought people together in different ways that needed to happen as a first step or a culmination of what has been going on. We go forward now and hope to be united and not in conflict. People said what they needed to say and could listen to others as to how they were hurt. People feel good about this. Letters and the bulletin were sent by Daniel to Fr. John (the former rector), Bp. Prior and Karen Olson at the ECMN office. A request was made that vestry needs to reinstate some version of some of this previous group of people. Daniel will call Sally Brown and talk with her about a proposal that the vestry can approve. The vestry had dropped the group previously. They need to be named.

Transition Discovery update: Presentations were given to members of the Parish on Sunday and Wednesday. The Vision Statement was completed. The Vision for the Rector is done to pass onto the next group. Now they are working on the parish profile and hope to get it on the website before passing it on, so that interested people can see it there. This will lead to completion of the ministry portfolio that will eventually be sent to the New York office for transition ministry. Hopefully this will be done by mid-June. Last week, Daniel sent out what we are going to talk about with the health of the parish.

There is more material to be integrated into all this. The committee is doing a huge volume of work and great work. The drafts get better and better. There is some anxiety about getting this done. We need to let people know when this is on the website, and we will produce copies for those who don't go to the website. Mike has been putting appropriate copies in the minutes of the meetings.

Xcel Energy and solar panel update: There is some shadowing from the steeple on the south side of the church. Some of it could be removed, but we'd have to look at the cost. Then we'd have to choose or the company who is paying for it would have to decide. We need reliable numbers of the production to make decisions. Roofers found issues with the steeple. A structural engineer will need to look at it.

Organizational Update: We are continuing to work through our triangle chart Bruce Warkentin and Don Shiek should be the lead on buildings and grounds. The Gardens should have the Green Team on the giving gardens and Karen Hannah on the general gardens. The Roseville Parade—who's in charge? The Green Team in conjunction with others. We need Post cards to hand out about parking at Fair time.

Legacy Giving & Sewer Fund update: This is ongoing.

New Business: What about the Silent Auction, Dinner, and Talent Table this fall? If we don't do these, we fall short of funds for community dinners. The raffle and the dinner are the 2 biggest items. We need volunteers and leaders. Karen Hartman will look into the talent table...which could be separate from the auction, and gift card trees, and beer and wine raffles. We need to have someone to lead the silent auction—This is the primary funding for the Thursday Dinners. This information will go in the notice in Christogram and Traveler. We need to get this information onto the ECMN site.

There was a question of our kitchen being used during the State Fair time for a venue at the fair. They were turned down last year. Follow up with Ruth and the restaurant will be done by Lisa.

Financial Outlook and Plan for 2019: There is a shortfall expected due to our expecting a fulltime rector and lower daycare income and Fr. Toua's rent and the solar program. Ruth is putting together numbers for the finance committee in June. We will look at the numbers and evaluate and look at ways to structure a budget that works in terms of having a new rector and fulfilling all our other obligations. Stewardship will be critical this year. Who will be the chair? Hopefully someone is identified soon. What kinds of risk do we want to take? Is it fulltime or ¾ time for the clergy? What else what we might not have? What is our reality and what are our options?

Daycare: We will see what they are doing on getting more enrollments or what their plans are—will they close here?

Fr Toua will be back to higher rent next month. We need to check on his status.

We need to keep the parish informed of our financial situation. Now we are doing well, and next year is a concern. Who can be stewardship chair? We may need a new treasurer soon also.

The ceiling tile by funeral doors near balcony stairs are stained. Cindy will let Don know where replacement tiles are—Mark knows where they are.

There was a request from Marion Hunner for \$250 for 300 colored post cards to be handed out at the parade. A Motion was made by Barb and Seconded by Joel to do this. The motion carried.

Shoutouts: Everyone pitching in yesterday. Karla for the coffee for service of reconciliation.

Rector and Warden comments: Daniel had none. Joel: I think we got a lot done this past month. Having the reconciliation done is good. Daniel stated that it is a stopping place along the way. Joel hopes this group of people can be active and not unhappy members and fully here heart, body, and mind.

Member's concerns were mentioned.

The meeting ended with Compline.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, Clerk of the Vestry