

St. Christopher's Vestry Minutes of 6/18/18

Members present: Cindy Lee, Joel Norton, Mike Sirany, Barb Hovey, Lisa Spiro, Becky Lucas, Mark Brilowski

Members Absent: Jan Fillmore, Karen Hartman, Tom Linder, Fr. Daniel Pearson, Chris Huntley

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Cindy.

Corrections/clarifications to the 5/21/18 vestry minutes by Mike Sirany: In the Transition Discovery Section: Change the 6th sentence to: This will lead to completion of the ministry portfolio that will eventually be sent to the New York office for transition ministry.

A Motion was made by Joel and seconded by Lisa to approve the minutes as clarified. Motion Carried.

The Financial Reports were discussed. Mostly everything is on track (except for kitchen use). The report was accepted.

Conflict Resolution has moved to the next step of working on an agreement that will come to the vestry.

Transition/discovery/discernment update: Two documents were sent out to vestry members. These will be put on our website. The Parish Profile will go on the web. Read through this and the Buildings & Grounds information. Madisen Crow has been working on the Parish Profile document and the pictures that go with it. There will be headings on our website. There were questions about putting on our financial and declining membership information on the website. What do we want to communicate to potential candidates on the website? We will be able to pick what we want on our website. We need to prepare this for Kelsey to put on our website. A full copy of this will go to ECMN—Karen Olson.

Website team: Tom Linder, Barb Herrmann, Allison Jensen and Kelsey Schuster from ECMN.

The Ministry Portfolio: has 1200 spaces for questions about our parish. This will go to (DFMS)— The Episcopal National Office in New York. These are our official answers to the questions. All candidates applying will go through this Ministry Office. This information will not go out until our other information is on our website. The Vestry needs to review this. We do have a document of what we are looking for also.

There will General Meeting of two groups, discernment and search committees, and vestry at 5:30 Wednesday, July 11, 2018—tentative date.

A motion was made by Becky, and seconded by Lisa: The Vestry approves the submission of the Ministry Portfolio to the New York Office. The Motion Carried.

Xcel Energy and solar panel update: The steeple is sound. We don't need to remove it. Sundial is talking about making a proposal. They would like to add solar panels to the flat roof placed at a 45 degree angle. They need to calibrate what would be needed, and they would cover the cost. It will take them some months to do this. Also: The Green Team has been asked to look at energy efficiency for the whole building.

Legacy Giving and Sewer Fund update: There were some donations made that are listed in the Financial Report.

New Business:

Mission Opportunities Request for Meals on Wheels: A motion was made by Becky, and seconded by Lisa, to give \$500 to defray the cost for participants of Meals on Wheels. Motion Carried.

Community Dinner Partnership with Loaves and Fishes: Janet, our deacon, is working with Loaves & Fishes to purchase food at a lower rate. Loaves and Fishes partner with Keystone. Vant is on board with this and will be asking Restaurant Depot for a reduced cost on other foods that are needed.

Silent Auction, Dinner and Talent Table: Karen Hartman, Ann DePaolis-Jones and Jean Crow will head up the Talent Table maybe more than once in the year. The Shieks and Warkentiens will do the dinner and Karen Hanna and Darlene Cross will head up the Silent Auction. Tom Linder will help with the computer work needed.

Process for Building Work Orders: Many people talk to Mark about what is needed. He hears a lot of different people requesting the same thing be done soon. The building needs all goes through Ruth in the office. The rest of the parish needs to know to talk to Ruth. Don Shiek and Bruce Warkentien need to be in the loop on this as they head up the building and grounds committee.

Financial Outlook and Plan for 2019 Budget and Stewardship Drive: Stewardship Lead is Scott Crow. We also have Bill Hanna and Barb Herrmann on this. The vestry needs to look at Ruth's first draft of the budget for 2019. She assumes a FT Rector at about the same pay level as Fr. John was. There are restrictions from ECMN on what we can and cannot do. We are looking at a shortfall of about \$50,000 in the year. We need to figure out how to resolve this. A parish meeting will be held on July 29, 2018 to present the budget information to everyone and talk about it. We will have a conversation. We need to give the search committee a salary and benefit range upfront that is based on reality. There will be a focus on big picture items, and we will outline the shortfall and what the consequences will be. Perhaps we need to have some ideas of plans for the stewardship drive and what works for that.

Opening the church on Sunday mornings may or may not happen with Fr. Toua. Mike. will open the church this Sunday around 8:30 to 8:45.

Darlene Cross wrote a letter about funeral receptions use of paper plates. This was emailed to the vestry. Comments about this were: Be sure it is negotiable. It is a guideline. With enough volunteers to help, we can use the church plates.

Shout outs: Transition/Discovery and Discernment committee and to Karla for organizing the Sunday Afternoon Brewery Gatherings.

Members Comments concerns were mentioned.

A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Mark to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting ended with Lord's prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, clerk of the vestry