

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2017

In Attendance: Fr. John Dwyer, Jan Fillmore, Jeff Jensen, Becky Lucas, Mike Sirany, Barb Swanson, Elizabeth Grayden, Karen Hartman, Cindy Lee, Mark Brilowski, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Darlene Cross, Chris Huntley

Reading: The Agile Church, by Dwight Zscheile, Chapter 4

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Jan at the 9:30 service

Approval of May 15 Minutes: There was one correction to the minutes. Jeff moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mark seconded the motion and the May minutes were approved.

Additions to the agenda: None

Financial Report: Fr. John reported that we are at 41.67 % of the year. We are \$4,229 in the black for the month and \$25,751 in the black for the year. We have had good cash flow for the summer and are currently on budget. Expenses are at 40.88 % and income is at 42.6%, so we are living within our means. We budgeted \$1,200 for the state fair parking and will likely receive \$2,400 since it looks like we will have a full list of volunteers.

Ongoing Business:

Team Reports –

Sewer line repair: Valley Rich came out and produced a video of the sewer line out to the road. They found the manhole near the choir door that needs to be raised. They also found more bellies in the line. This company has mapped the plan and will provide us with a copy of the video. Mark will send the video to Olson and Q3, two other companies, for their assessments of the problem. The company Q3 can do directional boring but not excavating. The others will do excavating if needed. They will give us bids for different scenarios, from repairing the bellies, to totally replacing the line. A large belly was also found in the sewer line under the house when there was a recent sewer back up at the house. This will need to be addressed in the future.

Increasing volunteers: Elizabeth and Karen met and discussed several ideas about increasing numbers of volunteers. They discussed developing a mechanism where people who want to volunteer can communicate with those that need volunteers. They could collaborate with the communications team, and possibly have something on the website. There could be a template on a volunteer website that folks looking for volunteers could complete. It would be great if it could automatically generate a Facebook posting. They also discussed tying volunteering in with stewardship. They discussed conducting some kind of survey of parishioners that would encourage parishioners to identify their gifts, what they are good at or what they enjoy doing. Another idea is to look outside of the walls of the church. Some groups may be looking for service opportunities.

Church growth: Mike, Jeff and Jan met to discuss ideas around church growth. Mike has been looking at attendance data and has the figures for 2012 to 2016. The attendance has generally been trending down at both services. It was suggested that we start doing some things towards the end of summer, such as bulletin ideas about attracting new people. One idea is to host an "Invite a friend Sunday" in the fall, where we encourage folks to invite others to church. This could be viewed as a "soft evangelism". 80% of new folks are personally invited. We could also encourage people to think about inviting others on an ongoing basis.

Facilities Revenue: Cindy emailed the brainstorming summary after the last meeting but didn't hear back from anyone. She and Becky are working together to grow the working group to get people with creative ideas, contacts etc. Cindy will write a traveler article or bulletin note to see if anyone else is interested. Cindy will resend the ideas from the last meeting so people can express their comments. Ideas can be sent to Cindy and Becky. We are still waiting for the gentleman who would like to use our kitchen for his Meat Pie business, as he is waiting for approval from the county.

Planned Giving: Cindy is working with Bill Hanna and Pete Lee to move forward with a reinvigorated campaign. It will be called Legacy Planning which gives it a positive feel. The group has met and they are in the information gathering phase. We will have information sessions in the fall, perhaps some wine and cheese events. They will also consider one on one meetings if people want this. Cindy drafted an article for the Traveler to start the conversation with the parish.

Parade Report: The Rosefest Parade is Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15. We are marching near the Brian Boru Pipe band and are number 49 in the lineup. T-shirts are being made and will be picked up Wednesday. 60 people ordered shirts so we are hoping for a great turnout for the parade. We will be decorating the trailer/float on Sunday before the parade.

August 21st Vestry Meeting: The meeting will include a picnic and will be at Jeff's house. Families are invited. Jeff will email a signup sheet to members for food.

Fair Parking Volunteers: We have good numbers of volunteers, but still need a few more. We will discuss what we want to provide at the July vestry meeting. Some ideas are brochures, community dinner flyers, other information about St. Christopher's, water and/or water bottles.

#### New Business:

Opening and closing the church during Fr. John's vacation times: Fr. John will be on vacation on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He requested volunteers to open and close the building on those Sundays. Karen, Becky, Mike, Cindy and Mark all agreed to open or close on certain dates during this time. Mark will provide a lock box for the key and Fr. John will provide written instructions for opening and closing the church.

Shoutouts:

Thanks to all who worked on the Pentecost brunch

Thanks to all that worked on the financial audit for St. Christopher's

Thanks to Barb for coordinating the photo directory and greeting all those who came for photos

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

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Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones