

**Meet Christ. Be Christ.**  
**St. Christopher's Faith Family Vestry 19 June 2023**  
**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Parish Hall**

**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, Ross Ackerman, Tom Linder - Finance Team Member, & Clerk Robert Williams

**Absent:** None

Opening Prayer led by Becky Lucas

Additions to agenda: Motion made by Ann and seconded by Cheryl; unanimous approval.

Approve agenda: Motion made by Pat and seconded by Ann; unanimous approval.

Approve May Minutes: Motion made by Ann and seconded by Cheryl; unanimous approval.

Faithful Innovations team: The Faithful Innovations' team are: Becky Lucas, Marion Hunner, Angela Robinson, & Kathy Hagen. They presented the Vestry with a recap of their last 6 months of training and process. The Faithful Innovations team participated in activities such as walking around the neighborhood and discerned on how God is directing us as a parish. The Vestry did a Dwelling in the Word exercise using scripture Acts 16:6-15.

The team did a slide presentation and presented challenges that were heard, spoke about education, Greeting/Welcome and Celebrating each other. They discovered that we are more similar compared to our differences. The group heard challenges such as people having enough on their plate. The team found the people's suggestions we heard about education, for example, Episcopal 101. Faithful Innovations suggestions we heard greeting / Welcoming. They have several suggestions for welcoming new members, such as a brief history of St. Christopher's, ways to volunteer, and what to expect of the service. Parishioners want to have some type of social gatherings or events.

Finance: The budget is going well this year. For the month of May, the offerings are lower than budgeted for the month. They were front loaded for the year. The offerings are still ahead for the year. In terms of the expenses, salaries are continually low. The facilities are more than what we expect. One reason is due to new stove at Dellwood House and the hole in the parking lot which has been filled. The drainage project from the Day Care was completed and was less than expected. Music expenses for May were high. After June, it will be 50% of the year. The income is 51% for the year. The expenses are 42% for the year. We are in good shape for the year.

Altar Guild: Altar Guild is looking for more people willing to help out!

Buildings and Grounds: Barb talked with Jeff about the inspection and minor repairs.

Children's Ministries: VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be July 24-28. They could use volunteers to set-up and tear down.

Communications: Nothing to add.

Garden/ Green Team: The garden is going well. They began harvesting some produce already (two weeks earlier compared to last year).

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

Funerals/Caterer, Special Gatherings: We had a funeral this past week. Cookies and lemonade were served. Karen Hanna had beautiful bouquets of flowers on each table. When we have a catheter, somebody from St. Christopher's is there to make sure everything goes great with them.

Fellowship/Social Activities: They have had several meetings and are all set for a sloppy joe dinner and BINGO on Wednesday, June 21. Looking for suggestions and volunteers to lead other fellowship activities. Sometime in the future, Fellowship/Social Activities and Communication to cooperate on getting the information inside the church and outside the church. It is easier if we had some type of signage for the events at the Church. One question: how do we make visitors feel more welcomed at St. Christopher's? We could do the welcome bags.

Unfinished Business:

St. Christopher's Day- Breakfast to be served by the Vestry on July 30 after 9:30 service. A doc to sign up for items will be shared. We are planning to have 65-70 people attend. A burrito bar and different types of beverages; orange juice, coffee, water & sparkling wine (champagne) to be served.

Daycare Flooring no info to report

New Business:

Pat's parents/family have donated a beautiful baby grand to the Church to be used in the choir room and will arrive on June 21. Planning to have a piano blessing after an upcoming service. Hopefully, it will help people to understand the many facets of the Music Program. Monies were taken from Rector fund and Covid funds.

The Vestry discussed ending our meetings differently. Members will volunteer to end the meeting with a poem, prayer or compline.

Rector Report: We have had 2 funerals in a short period of time. Ruth has been on vacation and returns on June 20. She will be gone again in August. It is nice for people to know what happens before Sunday's services. We are trying to get more people involved in Worship. Starting to plan for the Fall such as Adult Education. There are a lot of things happening in the Summer.

Senior Warden: In regards to the presentation from the Innovation Team what will be our next steps going forward? The welcoming packet is great. It will provide information for first time visitors. Discussed what to put in the packet and who will lead this project.

Junior Warden: Nothing to add.

Shout Outs: Karla music, Warkentiens for their work around the building, Pat and family for their generous donation

Closing Sharing and Caring: Had a lengthy discussion about the organ.

Pat reminded the Vestry about our upcoming date to volunteer, July 8, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Open Arms in St. Paul. Within two weeks, Pat will send more information with links about it to the Vestry members.

Motion to adjourn made by Leslie and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

**Next Meeting of Vestry: Monday, 21 August 2023 at 6:45 p.m.**