

Vestry Minutes June 21, 2021
6:45 p.m. St. Christopher's Parish Hall (in person)

Attending: Al, Chris, Jeanna, Ann, Michael, Leslie, Fr. Randy, Josh, Allison, Tom
Absent: Pat, Alexander, Erin, and Ross

- 6:45pm** Randy Opening Prayer
Acknowledging your mercy and admitting our need . . . we pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards . . .
- 6:50** Ann Reading of Vestry Covenant
- 6:55** Mike Review/Approval of May minutes: Ann moves, Al seconds the approval; Minutes pass with no changes. Pulse of Parish presenter: Al Reedstrom
- 7:00** Tom Financial Updates
Used the last of the PPP loan, reflected in the salaries. Current month, building use income way down compared with the budget; will stay under budget for the year. Chinese Day Care is paying more but not up to the \$3,000 a month. Facilities expenses below what had expected.
- Flood in the nursery: Got an insurance check to cover the water damage. Billed time our volunteers spent cleaning. An ad hoc committee has decided on the carpet squares' color.
- YTD Offerings are a bit up. Diocese M&M is tracking; Music is where it should be.
- As building use is up, Ruth is talking with cleaning team about returning.
- 7:10** Mike Parking lot bill to be received soon; \$11,000, should last a few years.
Exploratory team for Dellwood property: next phase. By next month, will have asked people to serve on the team. Al will lead.

New Business

- 7:20** Mike, Chris Lemonade on Lawn, very successful so far. Vestry will host on July 25: St. Christopher Day. Grill, yard games, hot dogs, brats, watermelon, buns, potato salad, bars/cookies/popsicles. Paper plates. Plan on 75 people. Cover the details at the next Vestry meeting.

Pledging report last three years, proposed **Sr. Warden Letter:** Starting stewardship as a year-round endeavor: anticipate a budget shortfall in 2022. Mailing the letter: be positive and some budget concerns. Have had some videos about our ministries: Meals on Wheels, Choir, thank you to the parish for financial support.

Being intentional about growing the parish, with the Circle of Life. Younger generation prefers to give using Venmo or other methods but they cost money to use.

In October, five stewardship talks, less than 5 minutes each: focus on people, programs, and places.

Budgeting 2022 \$425,000 with full-time salary for rector, comes out as a \$40,000 deficit. Pledging is down as a year-over-year figure.

- 7:45** Vestry Liaison reports: updates
Allison will ask communications team of Mary P., Jeanna, and Ross to meet soon
Josh: Karla wants to have a close-to-normal year: with the bell choir and choir; Lessons and Carols is planned, as is Evensong
A shout-out: Jeff Jensen and Don S. rebuilt the stairway to the Dellwood house.
- 8:00** Randy Rector report (masks, sign-up, other)
Staffing change: Chad O'Leary has turned in his resignation; will continue through end of July to help with the transition. Would be nice to do something for him on July 25.
- Possibilities for youth? Mentorship with adults? Something joint with Christ Church, Woodbury, or closer neighboring churches of any denomination?
- COVID safety: Bishop Craig — ECMN will no longer be mandating our COVID protocols. Multi-generational community: masks at all times? Masks are good to have, some say; others feel fine without masks. Fr. Randy would appreciate any input; plans on gradually release restrictions in the coming weeks. May ask parishioners for input.
- New attendees and transfers: Numbers of people are coming and asking about transfer and such. Would like to see a more profound welcome; Fr. Randy received a hand-written letter. Introduce self and start a conversation. Josh — some just like to see a lively congregation.

Facebook updated daily? Cards are back in the pews. Welcome packet to people, with a note from parishioner maybe in a similar situation: families to families? First contact, try to find out what they are interested in and let others know?

- 8:25** all Closing comments: Shout-out Ann, Connie and Al for Lemonade on the Lawn. Gardens looking good. Family services are well-liked.
- 8:25** Michael Compline
- 8:32** Adjournment Jeanna moved, Al seconded; passes

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, July 19, 2021 6:45 pm
(in-person in Parish Hall)

Vestry Liaison Assignments

Pat	Finance
Jeanna	Recruitment, some communications
Ross	Communications
Josh	Music
Erin	Children's ministries
Al	Community Dinner/Keystone, and Archives
Leslie	Garden
Alexander	Green Team
Ann	Kitchen team, Funerals/Caterer
Allison	Web site, Communications (chair of team)