

St Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
7-16-2018

6:45 Opening Prayer/reflection

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Pearson, Mark Brilowski, Lisa Spiro, Cindy Lee, Barb Hovey, Chris Huntley, Tom Linder, Becky Lucas, Mike Sirany, Jan Fillmore, Karen Hartman, Joel Norton, Sue Triebenbach.

6:55 Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish – Barb Hovey

Approval of June 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes- Corrections to the previous month's minutes: The following names were misspelled: Fillmore, Madisen, Barb Herrmann, Warkentiens, Bill Hanna. Some in more than one place. My apologies. A Motion was made by Tom and seconded by Joel to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

7:05 Financial Report—we are at 50% of this financial year. Note: This month there was a negative change in the checking account. Income is exceeding expenses YTD. More money has gone into the sewer fund. We will be able to fund community dinners. Then the silent auction time will come and will help with this funding. The month was as budgeted on the whole. The Chinese daycare has one more month at reduced rate and then we may move the rent back up incrementally. Our building use is on track (minus the kitchen). Expenses are at 46% of the budget. Things are on track there too. We have had some building payments out that are higher. The electric bill is creeping up due to Air Conditioning use. There was talk about the organ and the Nave temperature climate, and locking people out of thermostat changes. Keep the leaves and stuff away from intake vents.

7:10 Ongoing Business

- Conflict resolution proposal and vote – Sally Brown will attend—and Ebie Richards. Daniel gave an overview about the quilters history. Now is the time to reinstate members formally (after 5 years). There was a reconciliation Service on the Saturday before Pentecost. Sally and others put together a proposal asking to come back. Daniel handed out a copy of the proposal. They have been meeting in other places in the past 5 years. Doing volunteer work such as: making Grab and Go bags, making sandwiches, packing diapers and an outfit for moms and a pack n play for babies. They want to come back and meet at the church. Currently they are meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. The group has stayed together and they pray together. The new name of this group is “Hearts and Hands.”

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Lisa to welcome the Hearts and Hands group. Becky had a question about people who were previously not welcome here. They would be coming into the church. The group will write an article for the Traveler. The motion carried.

There was a kitchen question about a cooler since we don't have enough cooling space. We would need a walk in cooler for most commercial operations.

Info is in  
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activities

- Transition/discovery/discernment update – A recap of hand-off meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Allison Jensen took some notes. Apparently some Search team members were wanting to change discernment information or add to it.
- Web Site team update – A motion was made by Becky and seconded by Karen, to change colors and add “welcome and affirming” on the website. The motion carried.
- Xcel Energy and solar panel update- The problem we have with lower energy production is due to the panels chosen and the steeple. To correct this, they will add more panels in a different place on the roof. We have a target number, but they need to give us details. These may be up in the Fall.
- Organizational update – Daniel has been clarifying with Janet on her missional work. The vestry needs to approve a contract. She is working with the Community Dinners, Coffee & conversation, Do good Roseville, and Prayers around Refugees and Immigrants. Mark will be an official person to go to along with Don Shiek instead of Bruce Warkentien with building issues. We need to be in the loop on the various groups.
- Legacy Giving and Sewer Fund update
- Silent Auction, Dinner and Talent Table- The volunteer participants are meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> to put all these events together—possibly in November. The vestry has traditionally done the raffles.
- Fr. Toua and opening closing church- is hard to do. He is supposed to open it. Especially on Sundays. Daniel is meeting with him tomorrow.

#### 7:40 New Business

- Financial Outlook and Plan for 2019 Budget and Stewardship Drive – Parish-wide info meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> after service— is to present financial issues to the parish. We need to balance the budget. Information will be given in a clear honest way about the challenges we have to get people engaged in the discussion. Scott Crow is stewardship Chair. He’s given this a lot of thought already. Others will help, Bill Hanna and Barb Hermann. Another piece of information came to the finance committee— communication from Karla re: Paid Singers. If they had to be cut, people need to know that they are contracted on an annual basis. Ideally, we are keeping them. It is about \$10,000 for the year. (They have one Sunday off—not here, not paid.) A follow up letter will be sent.

We need a Rector search package number. Will this be Full Time or ?? We are a strong church and will get good candidates.

- Annual renewal of Deacon’s services- We have an annual contract with our deacon. This will be acted on next week. (See the notes above.)

#### 8:00 Shout-outs –

- Roseville Parade organizers and participants

- Matt Cole – postcard project
- Photographs on Website (Matt)

8:05 Rector and Warden Comments

Daniel: Thanks for coming to the meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a long staff meeting on June 26. There will be a gathering with food at his place for the discernment team. He is working on Sunday Forums into January—some kind of plan. There were newcomers here; Daniel sent them a note. Earl Olson's brother sent a thank-you note. There will be discussion on a Ministry Fair in September—Do we still want to do this? September 9<sup>th</sup> is Start up Sunday and the final 9:30 Summer service.

8:15 Member Comments and Concerns were stated.

8:20 The meeting ended with Compline.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, clerk of the vestry.