

Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2017

In Attendance: Fr. John Dwyer, Jeff Jensen, Mike Sirany, Barb Swanson, Chris Huntley, Karen Hartman, Mark Brilowski, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Becky Lucas, Cindy Lee, Elizabeth Grayden, Jan Fillmore, Darlene Cross

Reading: The Agile Church, Chapter 5

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Mark at 9:30

Approval of June 19 Minutes: Barb moved the minutes be approved as written and Fr John seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved.

Additions to the agenda: First Nation's Kitchen concern

Financial Report: Fr. John reported that at 50 % of the year we are \$6,555 in the red for the month, but \$19,206 in the black for the year. We are slightly behind in offerings this month. Overall income is at 52.5 % and expenses are at 47.97%. We haven't touched the \$4000 surplus from last year. We are on target even though it is a tight budget.

Ongoing Business:

Team Reports – Short term goals:

Sewer Line Repair: Mark has been meeting with contractors to address the sewer issue. He is securing a bid from Valley Rich Co. Mark described the current problems with the sewer line, including a belly in the pipe under the lower narthex. An interior plumbing expert will give us a bid for the interior repairs. This will be a significant project that may take 10 to 14 days to complete. Mark will share the current plan with another contractor, Olson's, and have them give us an additional bid. We discussed ideas for funding the project, but will wait for the bids to make any decisions. There is currently \$390,000 in the PIF account. We hope to have the work done in mid-September.

Increasing Volunteers: No update

Church Growth: The team will meet before next vestry meeting. Mike has been reviewing some literature. He is exploring doing a Lenten event with another church. He also suggested we consider hosting an "Invite a friend to church" Sunday.

Facilities Revenue: No update

Planned Giving (Legacy Planning): No update

Parade Report: Jeff reported that the parade was very successful. We had a good showing of 24-25 people marching. We recruited one family for VBS from the parade. The event was viewed as a positive thing for the church.

August 21st Vestry Meeting: Jeff will send an email so we can sign up for food to bring. Jeff and Allison will provide meat and beverages. Other members will bring side dishes. Families are invited.

Fair Parking: We have filled the volunteer slots. Don will keep us posted about an upcoming training at the fairgrounds for volunteers. We are planning on having a postcards and welcome leaflets available during the parking for anyone who might want information about St. Christopher's.

New Business:

Mission Opportunity Grants: Sally Brown applied for a \$500 Mission Opportunities grant for Meals on Wheels. Finance has approved this grant request. Karen made a motion that we approve the request and Michael seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

In the past, we have discussed allowing the finance team to approve small grants under \$500 without approval from the vestry. These grants would then be presented to the vestry as information only. There has been discussion, but no action taken on this. Jeff made a motion that we give the finance team the authority to approve mission opportunity grants in the amount of \$500 or less. Barb seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Finance Review of Mid-Term Budget: Finance team did a mid-term review of the budget that was approved in January and no changes were recommended. It is a tight budget, but we are living within it. There is one issue related to dedicated accounts. There is currently \$6994 in dedicated accounts. All but two families approve us using the funds at finance and vestry discretion. Fr. John suggested we use this \$4000 to create a technology reserve account and a landscape maintenance account. Finance approved the creation of these two new accounts.

Start-up Sunday: This event will be on Sunday, September 10th. It will be the last 9:30 service of the summer. Fr. John will reach out to Ann Trapnell to see if she would be willing to lead a team to do the Food on a Stick again. Vestry will be asked to do set up and clean up.

First Nation's Kitchen: Robert is stepping down as coordinator and no one else has volunteered to lead this effort. There is a concern about us ending our participation in FNK. It was suggested that the vestry try to reach out to find someone else to lead. There is also a need for more drivers for Meals on Wheels. There was a discussion about our need to get more volunteers for several ministries. It may be that we will have to end our participation in FNK. This will be a loss for some in the community. Individuals can still volunteer however there may not be a coordinator at St. Christopher's. The reality is that we have a shrinking pool of volunteers.

Shoutouts:

Thanks to all who worked on preparation and participated in the Roseville Parade.

Chad O'Leary for his leadership of the youth civil rights pilgrimage.

Marion Hunner and the volunteers for putting on another successful VBS.

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

The meeting ended with Compline

Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones