

St. Christopher's Vestry Minutes August 19, 2024.

Present: Father Randy, Barb, Josh, Eric, Pat (as finance liaison), Betsy, Darlene, Madisen, Kathy, Cheryl, Ann

Absent: Rich & Clerk, Robert

Opening Prayer: Father Randy offered the opening prayer.

Agenda: Darlene moved to accept the June 2024 minutes. Madisen seconded. Motion carried. Cheryl moved to accept the August 2024 agenda. Madisen seconded. Motion carried.

Team Reports:

1. Finance: Pat recapped the 8/19/24 finance meeting. Finances are tracking appropriately. Line 416 ("Interest checking") will be renamed "interest income" or similar because we earn interest on accounts besides checking.
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2. Altar guild: Kathy noted that 170-180 people took communion at Matt Cole's funeral. All went smoothly.
3. Buildings and Grounds: Nothing to add.
4. Children's Ministry: Marion plans to partner with nearby Episcopal churches for joint activities.
5. Communications: Madisen will discuss with Father Randy offline.
6. Garden/green: Betsy said that 15 bags of shoes and 290+ pounds of produce were collected.
7. Hearts and Hands/Meals on Wheels: A gift bag of chocolates, tea, etc. was given to Karla Cole. They also prepared a large meal for Karla and family.
8. 75th Anniversary: The Bishop will preside on 10/6 at 10am. Confirmation/baptism is available. The caterer is selected. The decorating team is preparing. A booklet documenting all the clergy

associated with St. Christopher's will be available. A bench will be given in honor of our 75th anniversary. We also plan to give a scholarship to Roseville Area Schools if enough funds are raised. Karla has commissioned special music. A bagpiper was nixed.

9. Funerals: Darlene thanked all who helped with Matt's funeral. It was noted that happy flowers and colors were utilized. A document outlining rules pertaining to volunteers, food, etc., was provided by Darlene and discussed. These suggestions were well received and approved for provisional use w/ minor alterations/amendments as-needed.
10. Fellowship: The post-VBS hot dog party was well-received and attended by some non-parishioners. We plan to do the event fair with an early-December kick off anticipated.

Unfinished Business:

1. Organ: The organ recipient should be arriving in the afternoon on August 20, 2024 to start the disassembly. There is a box of extra pipes that will need to go as well. We are hoping for 6 or so volunteers to help ensure the work is done before State Fair parking starts on Thursday. Ruth will send an email blast asking for volunteers.
2. Event Fair: Events are ongoing.
3. Roof: There are a number of leaks throughout the office. This is the only area of flat roof that has not been replaced during Ruth's 25-year tenure. We obtained three bids. Buildings and Grounds prefers the \$35,000 bid from All Elements. A competing bid of \$65,000 included a full tear-off. All Elements does not feel that a full tear-off is necessary and will fully warranty a new membrane. We are still negotiating what to do with the skylight above Marilyn's office (it will cost \$2,000 - 2,500 to replace the skylight).

Finance recommended that vestry approve the \$35,000. Cheryl moved to approve this amount. Kathy seconded. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. Start up Sunday: 9/8/24 is the last 9:30 Eucharist. We will do brunch and an info fair after service. Ann will coordinate brunch.
2. EMMA: Kathy gave a brief overview of EMMA. A handout was provided and briefly discussed.
3. Stewardship: Barb notes that stewardship info is forthcoming. Stewardship Sunday is at the end of October 2024. Father Randy asked us to consider the purpose and process of stewardship, e.g., what is the most effective way to run a stewardship campaign?
4. Columbarium: Suzanne Hitchcock suggested expanding the columbarium. Doing so will require a carpenter. The columbarium fund currently does not have money for this. The issue has yet to be discussed by the finance committee.
5. Becky Lucas grant request: Becky asked for a one-time grant of \$5,000 to bring a 2nd Afghan family (the son of the family we previously sponsored through MN Council of Churches + his wife and children). Finance referred the matter to vestry for a decision.

Darlene moved to give Becky a grant of \$2,500. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

Kathy moved to reconsider given that it is still unclear where these funds are going. We agreed that it is essentially a gift, similar to a "GoFundMe" donation. There will be no further accounting of these funds once they are given to Becky. Kathy withdrew her motion to reconsider.

The vestry agreed that the purpose and future use of Mission Opportunities funds needs to be discussed.

Upcoming Events:

1. State Fair: State Fair parking is coming up.
2. Start up Sunday: Discussed above.
3. 75th anniversary: Discussed above.
4. Coffee and cookies table for general election voting? Should we use Mission Opportunity funds to provide coffee and pastries for the upcoming general election? We need to check with the lead election judge and discuss at the next vestry meeting.

Rector Comments: Father Randy is working on the Bishop's visit. We plan to use the remaining COVID grant funds to get a larger TV for the parish hall and additional camera(s) for livestreaming. More to come.

Senior Warden Comments: Barb: will be laying low for a couple of weeks following her upcoming surgery.

Junior Warden Comments: Nothing to add.

Shout Outs:

- VBS
- Jeff Jensen + team fixed bad gutter(s) at the Dellwood house.
- Tom Linder for tech support/video.

Closing Prayer: Offered by Cheryl in honor of Karla.

Motion to Adjourn: Madisen moved to end the meeting. Kathy seconded. The motion carried.