

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St Christopher's Vestry 16 September 2024

Attendance: Senior Warden Barb Hovey, Junior Warden Josh Kattelman, Kathy Ackerman, Eric Hedican, Cheryl Bailey, Madisen Crow, Darlene Cross, Betsy Wesenberg, Rich Pieper, Ann Trapnell, & Clerk, Robert Williams

Absent: Rector Fr. Randy

Opening Prayer Josh:

Additions to Agenda Barb:

Approve agenda and August Minutes: Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Kathy ; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

Finance: Barb gave a brief recap of the finances.

Altar Guild Kathy: Nothing to add.

Buildings & Grounds Rich: Nothing to add.

Children's Ministries Eric: There are several new activities with our new partners - St. Matthew's, in St. Paul, MN, and St. John's in the Wilderness, in White Bear Lake, MN. The Annual Hayride on Saturday, 26 October, at Bunker Park Stables in Andover.

Communications Madisen: We are still editing & revising for the welcome / introduction booklet. The information was out of date so they are doing some rounds of revisions for it. After they make any corrections, Madisen will send them to Marion & Fr. Randy for final approval.

Garden/Green Team Betsy: 590 lbs. (of produce) have been collected from the (Giving) Garden. The Green Team met & discussed goals for next year. Joel Norton wrote an article for e-The Traveler addressing the importance of voting.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels Cheryl: Nothing to add.

75th Anniversary Cheryl: The Service on 6 October at 10 o'clock with the Bishop. About 15 former clergy and staff will be attending the event. There will be a luncheon after the service. (Bishop) Michael Hanley will visit on 29 September because of prior obligations. The Hearts & Hands is making a 75 year project. Karen & Darlene will decorate the Parish Hall for the event.

Sally Brown made \$ 500.00 request for Hearts & Hands for various projects. The money will come out of the mission fund. Motion made by Ann and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Sally Brown made a request of \$1,000 for Meals on Wheels from the mission funds. This will be a direct cash donation to Meals on Wheels. St Christopher's provides about 25 volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels.

Funerals, Catering, Special Events Darlene: We are working on the 75th. Things are moving along just to be implemented. Joel Westenfield's memorial will be in early October.

Fellowship/ Social Activities Ann: We launched our donations drive. We are looking for events' hosts for 2025 events.

Unfinished Business:

Event Fair events are ongoing: The final event for 2024 is the Halloween Boo Bash.

Roof Repair. Contract signed. We paid half down. Waiting for a schedule. (Note, The roofers started work on Sept 20).

Hospitality table at November election. Kathy sent an email to the Election Board to determine if we can have a Hospitality Table for the Voters.

New Business:

Stewardship timeline: We reviewed a draft timeline based on the 2023 Fall Stewardship Appeal. Ruth is starting to collect budget requests from staff and committee heads. Stewardship Sunday is 10 November. The Vestry would like to continue the stewardship talks. They have enjoyed hearing people's stories. They liked last year's system of providing each speaker with a bit of scripture to use as a basis for their talk.

The Chinese Day Care requested opening the sealed door behind room 111. They plan to put in a half door so that staff can monitor both rooms. They offered to pay the cost.

The parents of the Daycare children want to have a more secure &/or controlled access to the north doors of the building. The daycare will lock the doors of the north entry after 9:30. They will unlock the doors in the afternoon when the parents arrive to pick their children. and the doors will remain open for evening activities. The north doors will remain open for elections, funerals and special events. The vestry approved of Fr. Randy's recommendation to install a wireless doorbell between the north door and the daycare. Fr. Randy said that schools are using wireless doorbells for this purpose.

Motion made by Madisen to approve the Chinese Daycare's security proposal and seconded by Eric; unanimous approval.

2025 Vestry let Randy or Wardens know if you have ideas for Vestry Members or Junior Warden.

By-Laws amendments. Advance notice today. Changes to be discussed in October. Ann & Barb reviewed bylaws and found a few areas where current practices are not in compliance. They made recommendations for some simple changes to better reflect our current practices.

Upcoming Events:

75th Anniversary celebration: The Committee of the 75th Anniversary is focusing on the guests, preparing a booklet and planning the luncheon.

Bishop's visit: Fr. Randy is working with the Bishop to prepare for his visit on October 6 in conjunction with the anniversary celebration.

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Absent
Senior Warden Barb: Nothing to add.
Junior Warden Josh: Nothing to add.

Shout Out -
All who helped move our pipe organ
All who helped with State Fair Parking

Closing Prayer Ann:

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made Eric by and seconded by Ann; unanimous approval.

Next meeting of Vestry: 21 October 2024 at 6:45 PM