

Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2017

In Attendance: Fr. John Dwyer, Jeff Jensen, Barb Swanson, Chris Huntley, Karen Hartman, Cindy Lee, Elizabeth Grayden, Jan Fillmore, Darlene Cross, Ann DePaolis-Jones

Not in Attendance: Becky Lucas, Mike Sirany, Mark Brilowski

Reading: The Agile Church, Chapter 6 and Conclusion

Volunteer for Pulse of the Parish: Cindy at 8:00, Darlene at 10:30

Approval of July 17 and August 21 Minutes: Jeff moved that the July minutes be accepted as written. Darlene seconded the motion and the July minutes were approved. Cindy made a motion that the August minutes be approved as written. Chris seconded the motion and the August minutes were approved.

Additions to the agenda: Karen suggested adding another shout out.

Silent auction and proposed budget and stewardship were added to the agenda.

Financial Report: Father John reported that we are at 66.67% of the year. We are \$2,424 in the red for the month and \$15,689 in the black for the year. There have not been any budget surprises this month. Pledges are at 66.71% if prepaid pledges are added in. We are at 63.72 % of expense totals, so everyone is keeping their spending on track.

Ongoing Business

Team Reports – Short Term Goals:

Sewer Line Repair: We received a second bid from Olson's Sewer Service. The bid was for \$121,687 which is \$80 thousand less than the first bid. It was noted that the finishing work (tile, carpet etc.), was not included in the bid. Fr. John suggested getting opinions from two trusted contractors, with whom we have existing relationships, to see if they can give us their opinions on the bids. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, but it may delay the project to next spring. Fr. John and Cindy will make the initial contact with these contractors and Mark will follow up with the details.

Increasing Volunteers: Nothing to report

Church Growth: Jeff and Mike spoke last month. Jeff will initiate another meeting.

Facilities Revenue: Nothing to report

Planned Giving: (Legacy Planning): This team had a table at Start Up Sunday. Many stopped by to say they have already included St. Christopher's in their estate planning. Three others wanted more information. The team is hoping to do an informational session this fall sometime, possibly between services or during an evening. There won't be a huge push right now so it doesn't complete with stewardship campaign. Fr. John shared the news that a parishioner, offered to provide \$25,000 towards the upcoming sewer project.

Start-Up Sunday: It was felt that this was a positive event with a lot of energy. The food was well received and people circulated between information tables. The alter guild got some new people to sign up. It was felt that we should have had more groups represented, at least information if not representatives from all ministries.

Fair Parking Report: We received two checks from the state fair, \$1200 for the rental of the parking lot plus \$2782.50 for the volunteers. We also received \$72 in donations from people parking here. It was thought that we could use more volunteers for each shift next year.

New Business

Silent Auction: There was a sign up for volunteers at Start Up Sunday. A few people volunteered to help, but no one stepped up to be co-chair. There is one person who is thinking about it. A request for volunteers was also in the Christogram on Sunday. The revenues from silent auction go to Mission Opportunities and if there's no silent auction, it will impact our efforts. Julie Shiek and Cynthia Verhey may be interested in being co-leads for a dinner with or without the silent auction. An idea was suggested about having a dinner with raffle and an open ask for mission opportunity, instead of the silent auction if no one steps up to lead.

Mission Opportunity Grants: Ebie submitted a grant request for a \$600 donation to Habitat for Humanity. There is a group from St. Christopher's who are going to volunteer to feed people during a Habitat build. The finance team reviewed the request and recommended to the vestry that it not be funded. They indicated that there has been no effort to fundraise for this event. It is possible that we won't have a silent auction this year and the funds are being depleted. There is currently \$3,100 for Mission Opportunities. It was stated last year that we wouldn't fund Habitat again. Jeff made a motion that the grant request for a donation to Habitat for Humanity not be funded and Cindy seconded the motion. The grant request was unanimously denied.

Proposed Budget and Stewardship: Fr. John reviewed a proposed budget for 2018 that finance team recommended we adopt. We are asking for an increase in pledges of 5% to help bring Marion and Chad back to 20 hours/week. This is a balanced budget (\$2 to the positive) that the finance team approved and is recommending to the vestry. This budget will go out to the parish with the stewardship letter. Cindy made a motion that we approve the proposed 2018 budget and Jan seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. The stewardship campaign will start in early October. We will use the literature from the National Church and we will need some volunteers to prepare mailings to go out to the parish. There will also be leaflets in the Sunday bulletins.

Shoutouts:

All State Fair parking volunteers, with a special thanks to Don and Bruce
All who worked on start-up Sunday with special thanks to Ann Trapnell
Jane Suilman for her work on the posters and bulletin boards for our many events

Fr. John shared with the vestry that he has accepted a position to lead the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, an Episcopal Seminary in Berkely, California. His last Sunday at St. Christopher's will be October 15th.

Rector and Warden Comments

Member Comments and Concerns

The meeting ended with Compline

Submitted by Ann DePaolis-Jones