

Vestry Minutes Oct 18, 2021
6:45 p.m. St. Christopher's Parish Hall (in person)
Note: masks will be required during the meeting

In attendance: Mike, Pat, Chris, Al, Ross, Alexander, Jeanna, Josh, Ann, Leslie, Fr. Randy, clerk Allison (Erin not able to attend); Tom, guest.

6:45pm Mike Reading of John 15:1-11, with reflection by Bishop Craig

6:50 Alexander Reading of Vestry Covenant

6:55 Mike Review/Approval of August minutes Al moves to approve; Alexander seconds; approved. Pulse of Parish presenters (2), Michael, 8:00; Ann 10:30. Michael will be away until Friday.

7:00 Tom Financial review: 75% through the year; 75.3% of income; 52% of expenses; \$81,000 difference YTD.

For Sept. Building Use Income Increased because \$3645 was for State Fair volunteer hours (already received \$1,500 for parking); salaries and benefits were under on expenses, facilities lower cost.

YTD Not what hoped for but better than April; offerings income is better. Facilities are about \$15,000 lower than budgeting. The PPP loan is top-loaded; Rector paid part-time. As Chinese day care get more students, that will help us.

7:05 Mike There is a sheet in the Vestry folder: Guidelines and Protocols for Endowment fund use. Please review it.

7:10 Mike/Chris Phone/cabling update: Jeff Jensen leading effort, 3 contractors. Rewiring is needed; waiting for the last bid. Probably leasing phones from Comcast. Vestry pre-approved last month.

Camera: Ross got it on Sunday; doing testing. Need stronger wi-fi signal in Sanctuary. Also hoping to get a donated iPad from work for the app, then can train ushers. By the time the Bishop comes, hope to be able to film in living color. Camera also has a SD card capacity, so recorded services can be transferred to YouTube.

7:15 Chris Stewardship update: about a dozen people have dropped in their envelopes. Reprinting the announcements in the church newsletter. Will be asking Vestry for help with thank you notes; script for calling will be distributed at the November meeting.

New Business

- 7:20** Al/Randy Dellwood update: Had a meeting on Oct. 5; Cindy says Minnesota Hospice says most own their brick and mortar places, other work done one-on-one; Ella exploring adult day care option; Minnesota Dept. of Health licenses these facilities. Fr. Randy said whatever lead arises, we'll explore it.
- 7:20** Chris Proposal for consideration: member of faith family asking about giving staff a year-end bonus, since no salary raise. Needs to go before Finance. Use some of the surplus to give, as cannot commit to long-term.
- 7:22** Randy Rector report/bishop visit: Service of remembrance Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m., quiet service at 3 p.m., photos from any era
Guy Fawkes Day bonfire, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m., walking tacos, s'mores, outdoor singing.
ECMN convention is cancelled in-person; Beltrami County is among the hotspots. Will take place virtually, Nov. 5-6
Nov. 7, musical concert, folk music, 3 p.m.; children's service 4 p.m., Daylight saving time ends.
Nov. 13 clean-up day for the church interior (Chris); building and grounds to put together the list of jobs.
Nov. 21 Bishop visits, 8 & 10:30, invitations to baptize or be received; might ask for a bishop town hall in the Sanctuary — biggest space
Ruth is doing well; PT the day of surgery; looks forward to returning
Marion has taken a part-time admin job at St. George's in St. Louis Park; will keep her hours here.
- 7:35** Vestry Liaison Reports
Al Building and grounds met Saturday at 9 a.m., Don & Jeff walked the upper level, Al, Bruce & Chris, lower level. Came up with 5 pages of things to do. Nov. 13, 9 a.m., sign-up sheet, pizza lunch (Fr. Randy)
Chris Hearts & Hands, 10 a.m., Thursday project; Meals on Wheels Tuesday; Pete Lee taking over Caring Cards.
Giving Garden clean-up Oct. 30, 9 a.m.
- Marcia Rockwood's talk: How can people connect into ministry work? Those in ministry groups, don't be a secret.
- See junior acolyte teams stepping up; Roland and Ellery reading
- Where are we at with the budget? Next time will consider it, middle to end of December, Ruth needs to put together the pledges

7:45 All Shout outs: Building and grounds team; junior acolytes and readers
7:47 Leslie Compline
7:53 Adjournment Ross moves; AI seconds; approved

Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, Nov 15, 2021 6:45 pm
(in-person in Parish Hall)

Vestry Liaison Assignments

Pat	Finance
Jeanna	Recruitment, some communications
Ross	Communications
Josh	Music
Erin	Children's ministries
AI	Community Dinner/Keystone, and Archives
Leslie	Garden
Alexander	Green Team
Ann	Kitchen team, Funerals/Caterer
Allison	Web site, Communications (chair of team)