

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting October 21, 2019

Members present: Al Reedstrom, Kathy Ackerman, Joel Norton, Fr. Randy Johnson, Josh Kattelman, Mark Brilowski, Chris Huntley, Lisa Spiro, Tom Linder, Barb Hovey.

Absent: Erin Bowman.

The meeting opened with Fr. Randy reading a reflection: Take my Moments and My Days --  
In thinking of stewardship.

The minutes from September 23, 2019 were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Chris to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Financials: We are at 75% of the year. Expenses are low at 63.73%, and the income is at 70.16%. The plate offerings are lower and we have not had as many pledges as expected.

PIF lost \$3400.00 this quarter, but is at \$261,000+ which is higher than last year which was \$230,000+.  
Income and expenses were up for September.

Bylaws update: The redline version of the bylaws shows where changes were made. These are to conform to ECMN current canons. There was discussion on these. We do not currently have 2 vestry members as members of the Finance Committee. It was suggested to change the wording to up to two.

In Article IV section 4: A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Al to change the wording as stated above. The motion carried. Another motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Mark to add wording to this same section: The committee shall consist of .... and "a minimum of three" additional ... members.... The motion carried.

There was discussion on "old" memorials. These funds should not just sit in an account. Families should decide where it should go. Another parish has a committee that suggests where the money can go. Perhaps we should do this. The committee identifies the needs and the vestry agrees.

We cannot vote on the bylaws yet. We need to have a three-day notice before this is done. Kathy will check with Chris Boland to see if we can vote online—if this is in accordance with the canons.

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Leadership at First Nations: A church member is willing to co-lead on this (Alison Jensen). We help do four dinners there each year. We do have monthly community dinners at St. Christopher's. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Josh to focus on our own community dinners. We will no longer have a formal role with First Nations Kitchens. The motion carried. People can still volunteer. This is for now—if someone steps up to head this, we won't say no.

Ministry Connections: The vestry person should reach out to the ministry area and see if there are any concerns that should go to the vestry.

Stewardship is happening on November 3, 2019. This is when pledge cards will be collected.

The Silent Auction is coming up November 9-10, 2019.

Adult Education: Josh did a great job. Randy will be speaking on Safety and Security on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and Allison will be speaking on Global Warming on the 27<sup>th</sup> and Ross Ackerman will be talking on the first two Sundays in November. Then comes Advent in December.

Chinese Daycare: The lease was sent out to the vestry to review with a rider of what they can and cannot do in the nursery. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Barb to approve the lease and to present it to Larry (who runs the daycare). The motion carried.

Some ceiling tiles were replaced.

Shout outs go to: Funeral Hospitality, Karen Hanna and Darlene Cross

To the Altar Guild

To all involved with Randy's installation as Rector – Particularly Cheryl Warkentien and Karen Hanna and Darlene Cross

To Randy and Kim for their hospitality of holding several dinners for parish members

And to those who painted the nursery.

Rector's comments: Randy was blown away by his installation, and by all the people who came for the dinners he and Kim had. Over 100 people came.

Mary Rowe is in Moab.

EMMA (East Metro Mission Area) is having a meeting October 24, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist.

The future Bishop candidates will be making stops in Minnesota at various places during The week of January 13, 2020. They will be at St. Christopher's from 1-3 on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Randy is having hand surgery on both hands on October 31, 2019.

The Senior Warden reports that the nominating committee is looking for one more potential vestry member.

The Junior Warden reports that candidates are needed for ECMN convention representing St. Christopher's. And on Buildings and Grounds that the sidewalk triangle that was broken has been replaced. The railings that need to be replaced near the office door have been delayed by should be in by the end of next week. It is costing \$300.00 to replace the second railing. Insurance paid for the triangle repair of the sidewalk and the first railing.

Vestry comments: Josh Bayer is in the hospital recovering from a brain injury.

There was discussion about connecting with newcomers.

The meeting ended with Compline.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Tom to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, clerk of the vestry