

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
December 16, 2019 Vestry Minutes

Members Present: Barb Hovey, Al Reedstrom, Tom Linder, Lisa Spiro, Mark Brilowski, Fr. Randy Johnson, Erin Bowman, Joel Norton, Kathy Ackerman, Karen Hartman, Chris Huntley

The meeting began with Fr. Randy reading Luke 2: 6-7 from the book: "Expecting Jesus."

Corrections to the November Minutes:

A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Erin to accept the November minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Financials: We are at 91.67% of the year, and our income is at 80.86% of the year. Pledges are at 73%. Expenses are at 77.74% of the year. Get in your pledges. Ruth manages tightly and is very frugal. The big difference is in salaries and benefits and vestry expenses for the Rector search. It is in these areas where we are saving money. Salary and benefits will change next year.

Old Business: Bylaws: Randy and Lisa are working on a "Memorials" piece for this.

Update on Stewardship: This is continuing. 81 pledges are in; 39 are outstanding. Randy put together a letter to remind the 39 of where the money is going.

Capital campaign: \$373,000.00 is our total now and is over our \$300,000.00 mark. We are in a good place.

The Chinese Day Care lease has gone to ECMN—we haven't heard back from them yet.

Church Rental Rates: People got a copy of these. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Karen to approve the rental rates. The motion carried.

New Business: Parking lot: This is a place-holder until spring.

Funding Requests: There are four:

1) Community Dinner funding through the end of the year: The amount needed is \$1500.00. This expense can be seen on the "In house feeding" budget line. Cindy Lee recommended from finance committee to have vestry move money from Mission Opportunities line to the "In house feeding" line in the Donor restricted fund. The Community Dinners are currently \$55.00 over budget. The \$1500.00 will complete the funding for this for the year. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Chris to move the money from one line to the other. The motion carried.

2) Chad led a nice outreach group to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. There is a nice photo book of this excursion in the Library. Over \$950.00 has been donated to Messiah parish in Pine Ridge SD on the reservation. This is called, "Gifts of Hope." It was suggested that we, the vestry, donate another \$500.00 to this. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Mark to make this donation. The motion carried.

3) Transfer \$20,000.00 to the PIF fund from Capital Campaign. A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Mark to do this. The motion carried.

4) Fr. Randy's Housing Allowance: This is done once a year. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Erin to approve Fr. Randy's completed form on this. The motion carried.

2020 Vestry recruitment: We have almost 3 names so far for the next vestry members to replace the ones who are completing their terms. We need to let the parish know that there are seats open.

Shout outs: go to: Our own member of the Bishop Search committee: Patrick Hunner and to: Chad and the Youth Group who sent the care package with many notes to former youth who are now in their 20's and to Karen Hanna & Darlene Cross for the coordinating and decorating for the Lessons and Carols and for all they do.

The Rector's Comments: He is thrilled with the music of Lesson and Carols. It was a joyous, a bright light. He is thankful and grateful.

The Sr. Warden's comments: Joel seconded what Randy said. It did its thing. It just happens.

The Jr. Warden's comments: The Jim Richard's plaque has been ordered for the door which is also known as the choir door on the north side of the building at the north-west corner of the building. It will be mounted by a handyman.

There are light problems with lights over our name on the west side of the building. We need to put in stronger lights -bolted in through the wall. They flop over and conduit gets twisted. Don Shiek, who keeps an eye on building issues, is leaving for points south this Sunday, and Jeff Jensen the younger - will take over for him.

Vestry Comments: The kids were great at and prepping for the Lessons and Carols. How much detail should be in the pulse of the budget? Some people want more info.

We need to plan the meal for Annual Meeting on Jan 19th 2020. Tom, Al, Barb, Chris, Erin, Lisa,- many will be here. The service will be at 9:30 AM that day and lunch will follow. Lunch will be sliders of buns with cheese and/or ham and more.

The next Vestry meeting will be January 13th 2020 at about 7:00 PM when the finance committee is done with their meeting.

The meeting was closed with Compline led by Fr. Randy.

A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Mark to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Triebenbach, Clerk of the Vestry