

Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St. Christopher's Faith Family Vestry Dec. 18, 2023

Attendance: Rector Fr. Randy, Senior Warden Karen Hartman, Junior Warden Barb Hovey, Madisen Crow, Patrick Ahern, Cheryl Bailey, Ann Trapnell, Darlene Cross, Ross Ackerman, Eric Hedican, and Clerk Robert Williams

Absent: Rich Pieper, Leslie Norton

Opening Prayer/Covenant

Fr. Randy/Eric

Additions to agenda:

- Approve agenda Karen: Motion made by Ann and seconded by Darlene; unanimous approval.
- Approve Nov Minutes Karen: Cheryl Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Madisen; unanimous approval.

Team Reports:

Finance Pat: November budget numbers look like we have negative amounts due to the timing of the money and transfers. Money was moved from the PIF (Pooled Investment Fund) back in October to pay for the organ. Everything is on track. Income has slowed down as pre-paid pledges are already in for the year. So far this year 91.66 % of the year, our income was 84.83% but our actual expenses were 77.33 %.

Altar Guild Karen: On December 23 is the greening of the church. If you have an ornament, please bring one. If you do not put your name on the ornament, you will be donating it to the church. If you want the ornament back, please put your name on it. They will be some goodies. The event will be at 1 o'clock. In the past, the Altar Guild did greening of the church. (Deacon) Christopher Haack came up with the idea of the congregation doing the greening of the Church.

Buildings and Grounds Barb: Rich mentioned paint chipping in the nursery at the last meeting. Jeff and Rich did take a look at the wall. Barb did not know if repairs were complete.

Children's Ministries Eric: They are preparing for the Epiphany Presentation, (Sunday) January 7, 2024. There will be no Sunday School 12/24/23-1/7/24. The kids are supposed to meet in room 219 at 10 a.m.

Communications Madisen: Chris Mayr stepped down as the lead team of the committee. So, we are entering a period of transition.

Garden/Green Team Leslie: Absent. Nothing to add since it is Winter time.

Hearts and Hands, Meals on Wheels Cheryl: They have about 15 ladies. They recently made cards for children who are in hospitals for cancer. Jane (Suilman) is the artist of Hearts and Hands, creative. The conversation appears to be positive. Last week, they did blanket tying. Sally asked if someone would take over as the lead for contacting the shut-ins. They have 5 or 6 people that they go to visit. More than quarterly, they make deliveries to them ie. flowers. Cheryl suggested to Sally to have a co-presidency. It takes off the edge of "it's just me doing it all."

Funerals/Caterer, Special Gatherings Darlene: The Baxter funeral was well attended. Karen did a stellar job for the flowers, per usual. Very pleased with the caterer they chose. The owner of the catering company helped because he was never at St. Christopher's. He wanted to see how we set up and what our expectations are. Everything went well and the food was well received. The caterer was Affordable Catering. The company is on the (funeral/caterer) list with 4 stars by them. The caterers set up the meal and St Christopher's volunteers served. Later in the afternoon, the caterers came back to pick up their steam tables and pans. They were

pleased that we had everything cleaned for them. They were wonderful to work with and they'll be at the top of our list.

Fellowship/Social Activities Ann: Many great events were presented and signed up for. Decided to keep the sign up sheets posted for people to continue to add their names to activities until the first of the year. If you haven't signed up yet, there are still some openings for some events. Ann and Kim will encourage those hosting events (especially large group activities) to remind participants of the date and time with an email etc.

Unfinished Business:

- Welcoming Committee, publications: Chris (Mayr) has stepped down as the lead of the committee will move on: They are still determining some things yet.
- Stewardship-Barb: We have a few people who have pledged before but we have not heard from yet. This is a short list. Barb has been calling and/or emailing these people.
- Meal train: Working on a system.
- Signage: Checked with Marion and the local company she has gotten signs made from is no longer in business. Do we know what we want or the price? Madisen will try to tackle the bulletin board inside. The Vestry had a lengthy discussion about the signage options.
- Organ donor program update: So far, there has been \$11,875 from the congregation. From memorials, we received \$22,690.96. From the Haines' (memorial account), we moved \$13,734.04 to the organ donor fund. We withdrew from the Haines / PIF \$24,260 - so \$10,525.96 goes back to the Haines' / PIF account.
- It is not too late to send thank you notes to those who pledged. If you drop them at Church, Ruth will apply the postage and the return address to them.
- DayCare space- "Field Trip" to see what needs to be done: There are multiple pieces of furniture to get rid of and a few other small items. We need some place for furniture in the Gathering Room to be picked up. Sometime in the near future, we need to coordinate the removal of the furniture and the wooden altar.

New Business

- Annual meeting: The Annual Meeting will be **January 21, 2024**. In the previous meetings, we did several types of meals. This year we are planning to serve yogurt, granola, fruit, and some baked goods. Fr. Randy is planning to run the meeting as normal for the past several years.
- Budget
We will need \$ 56,300 to cover the shortfall between the budget and pledges. We have surplus funds to cover the shortfall in 2024. The surplus will run out in about four years unless we increase pledges or lower expenses. At the next annual meeting, Finance will show the congregation that we are using part of our surplus to cover the expenses and discuss concerns about balancing the budget.
- Vestry candidates update: For next year, it is a challenge to find any Vestry candidates. So far, there is only 1 person who wants to be a vestry member. We have few people to ask to consider serving on Vestry because most of those willing have already served multiple times.
- The 75th Anniversary Committee is asking to do a fundraiser. The event will be on May 19, 2024 after the 8 o'clock and the 10:30 services. They would like to do a Pentecostal Breakfast to raise up to \$2,000 to cover the cost for the celebration on October 6, 2024. Ann made a motion to approve the 75th Anniversary Fundraiser request. Motion made by Ann and seconded by Ross unanimous approval.
- PIF withdrawal recommendation Pat/Karen: A few years ago, they lowered what they were taking from the PIF to a lower percentage rate. Finance asked that an increase from 4% to 5% be made. A motion was made and approved to increase our withdrawal from 4% to 5%. It would add extra \$3,600 income

to the budget. The Finance Committee is asking the Vesty to approve the request. Cheryl made the motion to approve the withdrawal and seconded by Eric; unanimous approval.

Upcoming Events:

- 12/23 Decorating of church for Christmas at 1:00pm

Rector Report Fr. Randy: Ross worked with Marion on getting the services back online. We did a test video run for the last Sunday Service (12/17) and the Lessons and Carols. We still have about \$3,500 to \$3,700 from the COVID grant that can be used to purchase an iPad to assist with this project. Talent Table made about \$900.

Fr. Randy needed to have the Clerk of the Vestry sign the Housing Allowance for clergy who own their own home. This form is signed annually and filed in the office.

Announcements

(All)

- Shout Outs: Event Fair/Talent Table: Ann Trapnell, Kim Johnson, Jean Crow, Ann De Paolis Jones, Cheryl Warkentien, Karen Hanna, and Jane Suilman. All of the people who participated in every aspect of 9 Lessons and Carols.

Barb closed with a poem.

Motion made by Ross and seconded by Cheryl; unanimous approval.

Next Meeting of Vestry: Monday, 15 January 2023 at 6:45 p.m.