

St Christopher's Episcopal Church
Minutes for the September 17th, 2018 Meeting

Members Present: All
Members Absent: None

6:45 Opening Prayer/reflection

6:55 Volunteers for Pulse of the Parish are Cindy for 8:00 am and Joel for 10:30 am.

Approval of August Minutes: Corrections are: switch the percentages 59.69 and 58.33 in the Financial Report. Delete Kitchen on page 2. Bruce was previously surprised to be head of the search committee. Remove the thought "which is better than.... Or...." Correct spelling of capitol/capital
Motion made by Tom and seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda - None

7:05 Financial Report— Finances are on track. There are 4 new pledges. The surplus carry over remains intact. Building use is on track. Income over all is good. Some expenses are under budget.

7:10 Ongoing Business

- Transition/search update: We are waiting for Karen Olson from ECMN to "flip the switch." First we are waiting for our website to be updated. The wardens will let Karen Olson know when this is ready. Next the committee will come up with questions – standardized questions for the candidates. Allison will place Matt's pictures on website where they need to be placed. The forum yesterday was great. There is a diverse opinion on what sort of person may be the right candidate.
- Web Site team update: see above. Tom will put a button on the website to point to the search.
- Xcel Energy and solar panel update: Joel reported: they will be moving ahead with the panel array. They are looking at different numbers from what Joel sees as to what we are paying. We are capped at 40 kw. The additional panels are at no charge to us. The vestry will need to approve the plan once we have it from them. This should be revenue neutral, but that is not what is happening now, and there are issues as to how Xcel bills us. Some panels are at a lower reimbursement. We need to pay off our loan to gain back our cost on the array within 10 years.
- Organizational update: Daniel drew more solid lines from the sections Search Committee through wardens to Vestry. Who is the go to person on the Community Dinner? Janet had been, RJ Duff had pieces of it. Connie Hendrick took on a piece of it. But if there are money questions who is the go to person? Outreach to Missional Church Paradigm switch: where is the energy? Where is the education on this? It seems to be a top down sort of thing to the Missional Church. There are 3 more: Coffee Conversations, Do Good Roseville, Prayer Vigil for Immigration Issues. There are 4 Missional Church Initiatives.

- Legacy Giving and Sewer Fund update: This will be tied into the capital campaign being done under new business.
- Silent Auction, Dinner and Talent Table: Are all moving forward. 3 little groups working on each of these components. Donation slips are out for people to offer their donations. Time is needed to put together the booklet. Slips are due October 14th. Vestry will donate to the raffle tree Gift cards, Beer, and Wine. Others can also donate. The Dinner is on Nov 3rd, and the Talent is on December 2nd.

7:40 New Business

2019 Capital Campaign and Stewardship Drive – The vestry considered the Finance Committee recommendation to engage consultants for a capital campaign feasibility study which is: Mark Davey Associates (a group that Daniel has worked with previously) gave a proposal that was circulated around. We need to Continue sewer fund drive and to fully repay our solar panel loan. First they would do a feasibility study which is a readiness study. They would tell us if it is a good time for us to do this. Cost is \$5000.00. There were a lot of questions. It was a good discussion last week at Finance Committee. Committee recommend to vestry to do the study. Fr. Daniel will donate \$2000 toward the \$5000. Is this coming under/from PIF money? Endowment—PIF. This will address the building needs. Will this study give any direction as to what we need or what direction we should go? Yes and No. Is this the right time for this? Is our vision statement for this--Does it resonate now? This will show that the congregation is on board with this, so that we can call a full-time rector. Where are we financially? We need Stability Honesty Knowledge if we can do all this. This would be seen by a new rector who would not have to initiate this. This would strengthen our financial stability. We can take this one step at a time. It will take 8-10 weeks to complete the feasibility study. Daniel has a date on his calendar to do this. A timeline is needed. This is merely dollars and cents. A motion was made by Becky to get consultant to do the feasibility study. (A second is not needed with this coming from the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

Scott Crow needs representation from the vestry and someone from 8:00 to be on the stewardship committee. Becky will help.

- Consider Finance committee recommendation to enter in to a 5 year lease for a new photocopier: Ruth in the office has reported that our copier is over 7 years old. We could lease a new one instead of owning one. It would cost \$250/month inclusive of all the services and unlimited copies in black and white, and color and staples. This information came from someone from Loffler company. This could save us \$400-\$500 per year. Metro-sales will match the offer from Loffler. We would dispose of it as an asset. Current maintenance contract is about \$500/month. What if we get a lemon that is down quite often? A motion was made by Tom for Ruth to do this unless it is over \$500/month. Then we can see if the old copier can be given to someone else knowing it could be a white elephant. The motion carried.

**Closing the church topic: Now we have 2 services. We had been having one of 3 people closing the church after the service. Maybe we should have an automated system. Maybe choose certain people to lock up. Those of us who are last at coffee hour will lock up.

8:00 Shoutouts –

- Don Shiek for his tireless and exceptional leadership of our state fair parking and all those who helped him.
- Mark for all his internal building fixes.

8:05 Rector and Warden Comments: Daniel: Pastoral Comments: Daniel spoke with a newer choir member to meet and welcome him. This person commented on the death of a family member which invited Daniel to be pastoral with him. A question of who hasn't been here for quite a while was mentioned. There was a question about our directory not having emails. What does one need to do when there are new comers? Daniel will talk with them and send notes. The forum booklet was shown. Everything is going pretty well and stewardship was already discussed.

8:15 Member Comments and Concerns- We need to deal with mice in the parish, and there is a need to fix the sink drain in the furnace room. Mark will be fixing valves and cleaning vents.

8:20 Compline was read together at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Triebenbach
Clerk of the Vestry