Meet Christ. Be Christ.
St Christopher's Vestry Minutes
May 18, 2026

Attendance: Rector Randy, Senior Warden Ann DePaolis Jones, Junior Warden Bruce Warkentien, Kathy Ackerman ('26), Betsy Wesenberg ('26), Becky Lucas ('27), Jane Suilman ('27), Jeff Jensen ('28), Angela Robinson ('28), and Clerk Ann Trapnell

Absent: n/a

Opening Prayer: (Randy)

Approve today's agenda and last meeting's minutes: (Ann DJ)

Motion made by Angela to approve the agenda and past minutes, seconded by Bruce. Unanimous approval.

Old Business

1. Dedicated Account for the Dellwood House (Bruce/Jeff)
   A discussion was held about creating a separate line item in the budget where a portion of the rent goes into a line item for repairs and maintenance of the house, and/or the best method of tracking expenses.
2. Pottery Communion Set Update (Randy)
   The set is nearly complete. The potter has been wonderful to work with. We will likely have the potter come talk about the project at an adult ed in the fall.
3. Continue Survey Discussion (All)
   A recap and discussion regarding the retreat work was held. Additional discussions will continue in future meetings to continue this effort. Angela will spearhead some initial work regarding how to use survey information, and will bring to the August meeting – and she will try to prepare something for Blair Pogue's visit in July.

New Business

1. EMMA Event Update (Kathy)
   May 5th meeting discussed some of the same topics our survey conversation generated, specifically how do we meet and serve the greater community beyond our own walls (esp. how do we as separate parishes become better partners and bigger community with each other). This is a work in progress – EMMA has 18 parishes – all were invited to a recent event, only 6 attended.
2. Other – A parishioner asked to bring forward the idea of 1 or 2 events per year that are not run by parishioners (cater them), so that all parishioners can participate fully…an all community gathering that is outside of the event fair and does not have a cost.

Team Liaison Reports

Finance (Bruce, Ann)

We're in the black. Budget on track for now.

Altar Guild/Church Calendar Year (Kathy)

Getting ready to swing into summer and one service.

Buildings and Grounds (Jeff)

- Windows update: contract signed, Andersen windows needs 4-5 weeks to deliver the windows, and then we'll be scheduled for the work.
- Electrical sockets repaired in the garage.

Children's Ministries (Becky)

May 31st will be the youth bible story presentation date; they will be shown at coffee hour along with root beer floats. Our senior will receive a graduation tie blanket as well.

Garden/Green Team (Betsy)

Hamline cleanup went well, Giving Garden planting went well last week. Garden cleanup May 28th 9-12 – helpers welcome! Bike Blessing June 7th.

Hearts & Hands/Meals on Wheels (Jane)

In the middle of Bridging collection. Thursday will be a Letters of Love project.

Welcoming Ministry (Angela)

Survey strategy and next steps will begin. Some results to bring to Blair's visit on July 12th. She would like to consider greeters in the lower narthex to watch for newcomers and welcome them.

Upcoming Events

1. May 24 Pentecost - All Together at One 9:30 Service begins for the summer
2. May 28 Garden Clean Up day – all are welcome
3. May 28 Book Club at 6pm – all are welcome
4. May 29 Event Fair: Spring Luncheon (offsite)
5. May 31 Youth Bible Stories and Root Beer Floats at coffee hour
6. June 7 Bike Blessing
7. June 7 Event Fair: Golf at Cedarholm (offsite)
8. June 11 Event Fair: Women and Wine in the Backyard
9. June 21 Marriage Blessing Steven and Olivia Hartman
10. July 12 Blair Pogue visit for adult ed

Shout outs

Thank you Becky for handling coffee hour sign-ups! Thank you to the Giving Garden team for planting the garden!

Rector Report (Fr. Randy)
Senior Warden Comments (Ann)
Junior Warden Comments (Bruce)
Member Comments/Concerns (All)
Compline (Randy)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy, and seconded by Angela. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Trapnell
Next meeting of Vestry: Monday, June 15, 6:45pm