

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting
Friday, August 16, 2013
Christ Episcopal Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ernie Ashcroft.

Present: Rector Ernie Ashcroft; Senior Warden Phil VanderHaar; Junior Warden Shannon Erickson; Treasurer Dave Leick; elected vestry members Paul Fisher, Greg Guffey, Catherine Harrington, Jan Pereyra, Charlene Peterson, Kathryn Pratt, Dan Shoemaker, Sue Vold and Jim Westcott

Absent: Clerk Catherine Jacobson

Approval of the agenda: Approval of the agenda was moved, seconded and carried.

Approval of vestry minutes: Approval of the meeting minutes was moved, seconded and carried. Phil was appointed Clerk until Shannon arrived for the August meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Finance report: Dave presented the treasurer's report for July 2013 and the balance sheet for July 2013. There were no unusual items to note. Stewardship is low, which is expected in July. Utilities still show high for the year-to-date balance, due to the winter that wouldn't end. There was a bonus payment for Parish Life Minister. The vestry received the treasurer's report.

Rain Garden: Christ Church has been given a grant by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for up to \$100,000. After getting a proposal from Outdoor Labs, there are three areas of the church land that are affected. The first is the lower level; the second is along Afton Drive; and the third is the grounds around the church.

- Section 1 will expand the parking lot to the south, adding 16 spots, move the sidewalk to the other side of the trees, and regrade the slope away from the church. This section is covered by the grant except for adding gutters to a south side spot of the church. There is money in the capital campaign allotted to the sidewalk remediation that could be allotted for the gutters.
- Section 2 is the north end of the property from Queens to the driveway. In this area, there will be rain garden with only a few types of native plants. This section is covered by the grant except for the purchase of the plants and the maintenance of the area. (Building & Grounds have stated they cannot take on this maintenance.)
- Section 3, which is outside of the scope of the grant, includes replacing the retaining walls on both sides of the church, replacing the bushes on the south side of the church, and adding a tree over the air conditioner.

For purposes of the grant, Christ Church would need to keep the rain garden for 5 years.

After much discussion, Kathryn made a motion to accept the \$100,000 grant from the Ramsey-Washington Watershed District, to execute Section 1 and 2, using \$12,000 of capital campaign funds already allocated for the sidewalk remediation. Sue seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

The future state of the rain garden will need a dedicated landscaping team, and part 3 will be decided on at a later date. Ernie will hold an all-parish meeting between services to tell the congregation and get their input.

Ministry team reports: None

Junior Warden's report: None

Senior Warden's report: None

Rector's report: None

Adjournment: Ernie closed the meeting with prayer at 7:36 pm.

Shannon C. Erickson, Appointed Clerk for August 2013 Vestry meeting