

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2015
Christ Episcopal Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

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

Present: Rector Ernie Ashcroft, Junior Warden Dan Shoemaker, Treasurer John Potter, Clerk Michelle Rebholz; elected vestry members Catherine Harrington, Greg Guffey, David Waletzko, Mary Lee Isely, Matt Stiles, Jane Pederson, Randy Pastorius, Laura Niederhofer; also guest Dave Leick

Absent: Senior Warden Shannon Erickson and vestry member Sue Vold

Prayer and study: Ernie discussed the faithfulness of God as written in Paul's letter to the Phillipians, Ch4, verse 19, written while he was in prison.

Approval of the agenda: Catherine moved that the agenda be approved; motion seconded and carried.

Approval of vestry minutes: The date of the annual dinner has changed, but at the time the minutes were written, the date was accurate. Dan moved to approve as written; motion seconded and carried.

Capital Campaign Report: Dave Leick reported that 29 people have volunteered for the Missional Assessment Process team. At the end of the Capital Campaign, there is a \$6,461 balance. There is \$2,100 committed to the kitchen (cooking supplies), \$1,000 to the celebration dinner, and some for painting the hallway, stairs and ductwork. The balance after these expenses is \$2,500 (without the \$2,200 pledged but not paid yet). Previously, the vestry approved a list of Capital Campaign projects and then the Campaign Committee worked within that list, prioritizing it and bringing changes to the vestry. Still on the approved list is the sacistry, narthex, and the lighting of the "headless saints." He asked the vestry for input on the use of the remaining money and the vestry members discussed different options, including some not on the approved list such as the downstairs doors and the rock garden. Matt moved to decide that the vestry's highest priority is the downstairs doors that are not in use and requested that Roger and/or Pierre come to the next vestry meeting with a plan. Motion and seconded and carried (9 in favor, 1 against). Laura moved that remaining money be allocated to the rock garden. Motion seconded, but after discussion was tabled to the February meeting.

December/End of Year Financial Statements/2015 Budget: Treasurer John Potter stated that in the middle of the year, we identified a deficit due to Dana's ordination and the MMS increase. All pledged money plus extra was paid at the end of the year. He then reviewed specific line items such as the Capital Campaign fund, and Dire Need fund, and identified the \$10,775 in prepaid pledges. The balance is \$4,350.81; one possibility is to apply that balance to the 2015 balance. John then reviewed the budget approved in September versus the one before the vestry

today. Matt moved to remove \$9,900 for moving expenses from the 2015 budget; motion seconded and carried.

Discussion followed about how to predict or calculate pledges versus actuals. It was pointed out that it is not uncommon to have people pledge late, pay more than they pledge, or for the church to receive pledges from people who join the church in the middle of the year. Matt moved to accept the 2015 budget with the change previously agreed to. Motion seconded and carried.

Current Stewardship 2015 Results: \$276,575 has been pledged.

Arrangements for Annual Meeting and New Date for Celebration Dinner: The church did not host its annual dinner on January 17th due to many other dinners planned; instead, the annual dinner will be combined with the Capital Campaign dinner on February 21. The annual parish meeting will be on Sunday with a single service at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:30am.

Rector's Roundtable: No report.

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda was accepted as presented.

Retiring Vestry Members' comments: Greg reflected on his time on the vestry, encouraged others to ask questions, and stated different perspectives from vestry members are okay. The vestry must set the tone and direction and should not be afraid to take action. Dan stated we are very lucky to have a talented group on the vestry.

Junior Warden's Report: No report.

Senior Warden's Report: No report.

Rector's Report: Ernie stated that he gave an update at the 8:30 service concerning his back. He had tests last week and has a pinched nerve. Ernie has written a long report for the booklet presented at the annual meeting and encouraged everyone to read it.

Recap of Decisions Made, Tasks Assigned, and Items Tabled: The following action items were agreed to:

- **Ernie will contact Roger and Pierre about a presentation at February's vestry meeting on the downstairs doors;**
- **Motion on remaining money to rock garden tabled to February.**

Adjournment:

Ernie closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:37 pm.

Committee Reports For Jan 2015 Vestry meeting

Pastoral Care Committee (Mary Lee Isely)

Intern Cindi Brickson, the new Pastoral Care Committee chair, is a chaplain who has worked in parish ministry for over two decades. She is especially interested in making Christ Church a welcoming place for people of all ages -- from preschoolers to centenarians. She would like to restart the parish's prayer chain to pray for the emergencies and needs of members, friends and the greater community, and resume the sending of personalized cards for birthdays and major holidays to members who are unable to attend worship services because they are convalescing or are homebound.

One thing the Pastoral Care Committee is considering is the accessibility of the church building, particularly the sanctuary, for the elderly and handicapped.

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors would like to have a notice occasionally placed in the Good News sheet that explains their ministry. Since the death of Doris Klinkerfues, there has been very little call from hospitalized or convalescing parishioners or shut-ins wanting to receive communion and a visit from the LEV. They feel some folks are unaware of this ministry and believe a reminder in the Sunday insert would be beneficial.

Mary Lee Isely

Faith Formation (Matt Stiles)

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Building and Grounds (Laura Niederhofler)

The new entryway carpets have arrived (paid for by the cleaning service Insurance Company). We are not going to put them out until spring - no use getting them all full of salt and stuff during this time of year.

The installation of the new office windows are scheduled for next month. Also, Pierre has contacted a professional painter. Next spring the conduit from the new AC unit to the offices will be painted brown to match the down spouts and trim.

Small Group Ministries (Sue Vold)

Communications (Greg Guffey)

No report.

Welcoming Committee (David Waletzko)

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Stewardship Committee (Randy Pastorius)

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Outreach Committee (Catherine Harrington)

(Report also submitted for annual meeting.)

Christ Episcopal Church Out reach efforts 2014

As usual this past year members and committees at Christ Church have been involved in many different and diverse outreach efforts. Listed below are many of these:

*2) Different Loaves and Fishes groups are active, one takes place at St. Mathews and one takes place at First Covenant Church. These efforts set up and serve children and adults in need of a good meal. These are both done on a monthly basis.

*Hope for the Journey home is a local project for homeless families in our own community. The shelter is located at Guardian Angels church in Oakdale. Volunteers stay the night or serve meals and provide other services for this worthy local service to families in need of temporary housing while they get back on their feet.

*Canvas Health is a program that members or our congregation supported with a fundraising 5K walk, supporting a golf outing and inviting them to come to our adult ed. programs and youth Boxing Out Poverty event. Our support is mainly for the homeless youth efforts of this organization

*We have members who volunteer to tutor at Landfall Community Center in partnership with Trinity Presbyterian. Also, we have a member who tutors reading at Skyview School in Oakdale.

*We continually gather food for the Washington County Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf, housed directly across the street at Woodbury Lutheran Church.

*We collect new or gently used back packs and school supplies for children in need for local schools at the end of each summer for the new school year.

*We have an angel tree/hat and mitten tree, each year during the holiday season. The gifts from the angel tree are distributed by the Christian Cupboard to children who are in need of a happier Christmas. The hats and mittens are given to a local elementary school for students who need them to keep warm in our Minnesota winter.

There are other small things that individual members faithfully accomplish without any fanfare or notice, bringing magazines to hospitals, helping to fill bags of food at the Christian cupboard, etc.

Each year we seem to have more ideas and plans for reaching out into our community to give of ourselves. Some of these are organized and ongoing and some are spontaneous.

Moving forward in our journey as Christ Church, I am sure we will expand current efforts and find even more ways to extend outside of our doors into the larger community in ways we have not yet discovered.

Anyone who has an interest in becoming involved in any of the outreach efforts mentioned in this report can contact Catherine Harrington or the Church office and we will gladly get you in touch with the correct person to get you onboard. Also, anyone with any new ideas or outreach passions can contact Catherine Harrington or the Church Office and we can work toward making positive changes in our community.

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