

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2014
Christ Episcopal Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

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

Present: Rector Ernie Ashcroft, Senior Warden Shannon Erickson, , Treasurer John Potter; elected vestry members Catherine Harrington, Greg Guffey, David Waletzko, Mary Lee Isely, Matt Stiles, Jane Pederson, Laura Niederhofer

Absent: Junior Warden Dan Shoemaker, Clerk Michelle Rebholz, vestry members Sue Vold, Randy Pastorius

Prayer and study: Ernie led the group in prayer. The group read Psalm 91 from the Book of Common Prayer. He asked for someone to read. He explained that this is a Psalm that he uses when he visits people who are about to go through surgery. Verses 1-5 are telling people that God is with us. Verse 9 is answering the unspoken question of why we receive this great promise. Verses 11-12 are the same verses used during Jesus's temptation. Verses 14-16 is God talking to people, not the Psalmist.

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

Approval of vestry minutes: Catherine moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded and carried.

Capital Campaign: Dave Leick presented for both the Capital Campaign and the MAP process. The campaign is officially coming to an end, but we still have money trickling in, and a little left over to finish. Non-committed funds are \$3,561, and a possible estimated \$750 that could come in, so there is \$4,311 for the estimated remaining capital.

There was discussion by the Vestry regarding one of the line items. The line item for the replacement of the downstairs entryway doors to make them windows was noted as tabled until the end of the year to see how the budget finishes.

Greg suggested that the Capital Campaign committee acknowledge back to the teams of the items we won't be able to pay to do.

Missional Assessment Process: The committee was supposed to meet with Amanda last week, but she had to cancel at the last moment, due to a car accident on the way to the meeting. The committee did make a decision regarding the meetings to gather information from the congregation. There will be six meetings. No two meetings will be alike. In the first meeting with just the committee they will decide the agenda.

A second meeting would include a group of about 30 people to give input to what is important to Christ Church and the church's future. The committee would also like to hold adhoc meetings that anyone can attend to express their opinions. Although the discussion is to give the

parishioners an opportunity to give their opinions, it will be within a controlled environment with a facilitator.

Budget: Treasurer's Report. Income. Misc income shows a HUGE amount, but it was a 'loan' to pay for the parking lot to be blacktopped. The offsetting transaction went through Maintenance. Pledge income will require \$13,000 extra over our average monthly income, but that is not unusual, since we usually see increase in December. Expenses. Office expenses are lower, and cleaning service are lower, Utilities could go over, Tech Maintenance will probably be lower than budgeted. Parish Life Minister is definitely over, and that's why we asked for extra pledges in the 4th quarter from specific parishioners, and they obliged. Although the treasurer feels a little anxious about the current shortfall, Ernie has assured him and the newer Vestry members that this is typical of our church expenses. Shannon assured John that she also feels anxious about the shortfall to the very end of the year, and John responded that she should refer to Psalm 91. ☺
Mary Lee Isely made a motion to accept the 2015 budget, Laura seconded.

MMS Acceptance for 2015: Accept the 2015 MMS of \$39,499 made by Matt Stiles, seconded by Dave W.

All Parish Meeting: All who reviewed the meeting felt it went well, and that people seemed comfortable with the information presented.

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda was accepted as presented.

Rector's Roundtable: All items from the Rector's roundtable have been reviewed.

Junior Warden's Report: No report.

Senior Warden's Report: No report, but still looking for 10:30 AM service parish members to help with 2 coffee teams.

Rector's Report: Nominating committee are the 3 outgoing vestry members, Ernie and the 2 Wardens. We will be looking for 3 people to serve 3 year terms, and 1 person to serve a 1 year term. Nominating committee will meet at 11:30, 12/07, Ernie will put notice in the Good News sheet for the next two weeks. Nominating committee is Mary Lee Isely, Catherine Harrington, Greg Guffey, Dan Shoemaker, Shannon Erickson, and Ernie Ashcroft. Ernie had an orientation on Sunday with 3 families and their children. He is encouraged by their reactions. He estimates he's had 10-12 families through orientation in 2014. He was also encouraged by the younger children singing at the 10:30 service on Sunday. He believes it is the result of the new Music Director and the great music he has brought to the church services.

Recap of Decisions Made, Tasks Assigned, and Items Tabled: Action items include the Nominating Committee will meet on 12/7, and Ernie will put the call out for nominations to Vestry in the Good News sheet.

Adjournment: Ernie closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 pm.

Shannon Erickson, Sr Warden, and fill-in Parish Clerk

Committee Reports For Dec 2014 Vestry meeting

Pastoral Care Committee (Mary Lee Isely)

Mary Lee will set up a meeting with Cindi, the new deacon, and will have information to report later.

Faith Formation (Matt Stiles)

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Building and Grounds (Laura Niederhoffer)

- Cleaned vent above kitchen range.
- Snow removal teams set up.
- Framed oil painting in Family Room.
- Changed batteries in kitchen range igniters.
- Ordered new windows for the main floor offices.
- Snow removal teams active
- Annual lift inspection completed
- New emergency light installed in lift
- New windows for offices on order.
- Christmas Wreaths installed at both entryways and over alter.
- Igniter for Right oven repaired, both ovens checked for temperature vs. set point. Both
- ovens found to regulate temperature at desired set point.
- Burned out lights replaced in Family Room.

A Rain Garden team needs to be set up. The Watershed District called to find out if we had a team set up as they wanted to meet with the team to go over the maintenance that was required each month. The Bldg. & Grounds committee made it clear that it would not fall under their responsibilities. Dave Leick and Blaine Huppert were originally thinking of contracting Outdoor Labs to do the maintenance work, but it would cost \$840.00 + sales tax per year. In light of our current budget, it doesn't look like that is a possibility.

Ideally, it would be great to have a team of 2 people/volunteers each month to take care of the Rain Garden, however, the Bldg. & Grounds committee doesn't feel that it is their responsibility to pull a team together. This team needs to be formed by the spring as this was the agreement set up between Christ Church and the Watershed District for it to be properly maintained.

Small Group Ministries (Sue Vold)

Communications (Greg Guffey)

A technical issue with the website calendar has been fixed. New members have been added to the weekly eGood News list per their request.

Welcoming Committee (David Waletzko)

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Stewardship Committee (Randy Pastorius)

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Outreach Committee (Catherine Harrington)

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