

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting  
Monday, December 15, 2014  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Woodbury, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Shannon Erickson.

**Present:** Senior Warden Shannon Erickson, Junior Warden Dan Shoemaker, Treasurer John Potter, Clerk Michelle Rebolz; elected vestry members Catherine Harrington, Greg Guffey, David Waletzko, Mary Lee Isely, Matt Stiles, Jane Pederson, Randy Pastorius

**Absent:** Rector Ernie Ashcroft; vestry members Sue Vold, Laura Niederhofer

**Prayer and study:** Shannon led the group in reading the Compline at page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer.

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

**Approval of vestry minutes:** There were two comments. First, Catherine said that on the Capital Campaign, Catherine will go back and check with the Capital Campaign on funds left. Under the Rector's report, Mary Lee's name was misspelled. Catherine moved to approve the minutes as revised; motion seconded and carried.

**November Financials:** John stated there was nothing unusual in the November financials. Stewardship Committee predicts that we could have a deficit of between \$6,000-\$12,500 by year end 2014. There is \$18,000 owed to the Diocese for MMS. There was discussion about using prepaid pledges from 2015 to cover this expense. There were also suggestions that there be efforts to remind people who have not paid their pledges and agreement among members that MMS needs to be paid.

**Current Stewardship 2015 Results and 2015 Budget:** The budget the vestry approved last month included \$304,600 in pledges; today, \$269,000 was pledged. Ernie had suggested \$16,000 in cuts with the majority being \$9900 in moving expenses. For search expenses (travel expenses for interviews), we could ask parish members for airline miles, hotel points, and similar perks to reduce the cost. There was agreement to make announcements about paying pledges, about setting the budget based on expected pledges rather than being overly optimistic, and about being transparent. We may get some unpaid pledges right at the end of the year. There was also discussion about being transparent with the Diocese—not asking to not pay MMS, but suggesting a payment plan. There were a number of action items agreed to.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Catherine Harrington will be Junior Warden, and David Waletzko will be Treasurer. Mary Lee will serve another year, filling David's 1 year term. There are three other names which will be announced once they are definite.

**Annual Meeting and Dinner:** The annual meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>; the dinner is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Review of All Parish Meetings on December 7:** Shannon received feedback and will give the feedback to Ernie and the Stewardship Committee.

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

**Rector's Roundtable:** No report.

**Consent Agenda:** Consent agenda was accepted as presented, with the caveat that Mary Lee was not able to meet with Cindi yet; they intend to meet in January.

**Junior Warden's Report:** No report.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Shannon reflected on her time as Senior Warden and stated she was thankful for the experience.

**Rector's Report:** No report.

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

- **There will be announcements during the services about unpaid 2014 pledges;**
- **The stewardship committee has a handful of names of people that have previously prepaid their pledge. They will be notified, if needed;**
- **The Finance Committee will meet after the first of the year to rework the 2015 budget;**
- **People who have historically pledged and not paid pledges will be removed from the budget;**
- **The Wardens will discuss with Ernie and the Diocese if necessary about payment options for MMS.**

**Adjournment:**

Shannon closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 pm.

## Committee Reports For Dec 2014 Vestry meeting

### Pastoral Care Committee (Mary Lee Isely)

Mary Lee will be meeting with Cindi, the new deacon, and will have information to report.

### Faith Formation (Matt Stiles)

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### Building and Grounds (Laura Niederhofler)

- 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 Lieck 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)

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### 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)

