

Minutes of Regular Vestry Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2015
Christ Episcopal Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

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

Present: Rector Ernie Ashcroft, Senior Warden Dan Shoemaker, Junior Warden Catherine Harrington, Clerk Michelle Rebholz, Treasurer David Waletzko; elected vestry members Laura Niederhofer, Randy Pastorius, Sue Vold, Mary Lee Isely, Jane Pederson, Jenny Burke, James Elam.

Absent: Nancy Thompson, Matt Stiles

Prayer and study: The Compline on page 127 in the Book of Common Prayer was read.

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

Approval of vestry minutes: A correction was made under the “Rector’s Report” agenda item, from “on” to “concerning.” Jane moved to approve the minutes as amended; motion seconded and carried.

Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by the vestry. Laura moved to accept the minutes; motion seconded and carried.

Lower Door Project: Ernie opened up the discussion. Roger and Pierre notified the vestry that they received a \$2800 quote to replace the non-working doors with windows. The person that has replaced the other windows in the church offered another option: an aluminum channel that would continue across the doorway. A vertical member could also be added, with insulation down the seam. Each side (inside and outside) would be \$200. The outside would be caulked, holes would be filled in, and the door openers at the top would come off. The fire chief has also given his approval to removing the second set of doors. Randy moved to approve the option of keeping the doors with the work as explained by Roger and Pierre. Motion seconded and carried.

Building and Grounds Report on Compressor: Pierre stated that all thermostats are air controlled; humid air can mess up the controls, so a dehumidifier is there to control the humidity. The dehumidifier has stopped working. Pierre has found one similar to what the church currently has that should cost between \$1,000-\$2,000. He believes he and Roger can replace it, but it needs to be done before humid weather arrives. Randy moved to approve the replacement of the dehumidifier before April 30. Motion seconded and carried. Laura moved to pay for the replacement out of the Capital Campaign fund. Motion seconded and carried.

January Financial Statements: Treasurer David Waletzko presented the January financial statements. The endowment fund looks good; the amount expected to get out of those is more

than projected. At the Finance Committee meeting last week, the Memorial Fund was brought down to zero and moved to the General Fund. Memorials as they come in can be used for memorials. Substantial income came in February. The Building Fund has the Capital Campaign funds in it. The balance sheet is as of February 8. The Treasurer's Report has a new column, plus David announced his intent to send e-mails on the status of each fund as purchases are made. Several expenses are under budget.

Capital Campaign Celebration Dinner: Ernie asked vestry members to be there and sign up to help. Help is needed setting up tables, serving, and cleaning up. Catherine Harrington will help coordinate the vestry members who volunteer.

Minnesota Food Share Month Collection: Greig Metzger of Christian Cupboard suggested one Sunday in March be designated for financial donations. This has been done in prior years. Sunday, March 22nd was selected; announcements can be made in Good News.

Vestry Announcements: Catherine explained that vestry members are asked to give announcements because: 1) it makes the vestry more visible to the parish; 2) for church members to know the leadership; and 3) vestry members are able to see and meet members at both services. She would like to continue this practice, but if anyone is uncomfortable with making the announcements, they can let her or Shannon know.

Vestry Retreat: Ernie stated usually every year when a new vestry is seated, they hold a vestry retreat. It is especially important this year to have one given Ernie's retirement. Some of the issues that can be addressed there: 1) the treasurer can help the vestry understand the church finances; 2) it's easy to neglect one's own spiritual growth when serving on the vestry; 3) the vestry can have discussions on how to function and handle the transition after Ernie's retirement. Vestry members will need an agreed-upon approach when questions or concerns come up. Also, staff may need to approach the vestry about certain decisions in Ernie's absence. Vestry members should look at their calendars for March 7 or 21; the retreat can be held at St. John's in St Paul from 9:00am-noon.

Rector's Roundtable: nothing additional.

Consent Agenda: no consent agenda this month.

Junior Warden's Report: no report.

Senior Warden's Report: Dan reported that he and Catherine are going to meet with the Bishop to start a dialogue on the transitional process. They and others do not believe a transitional priest appointed by the Diocese is needed once Ernie leaves. Dana and Cindy are here, and an occasional supply priest can be retained.

Rector's Report: Ernie stated that Lent is an opportunity for reflecting on spirituality. Dana has put together some materials that were handed out on Ash Wednesday and will also be available the first Sunday of Lent. Ernie has purchased a bowl to use for Lent and the Easter vigil service.

Recap of Decisions Made, Tasks Assigned, and Items Tabled:

- Vestry members attending the Capital Campaign dinner should notify Ernie.
- Vestry members not interested in doing announcements at services should notify Catherine and Shannon.

Adjournment:

Ernie closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:28 pm.