

# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

*Mission: to know and share God's love*

*Vision: to do God's work in our community as a church without walls*

## VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2016; 7:00 pm; Library of St. Christopher's Church

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:58 pm.

Attendance: M Giovan King, Joanna Witt, Priscilla Naile, Kathy Winston, Walter Beh, Mary Smith, Hank Bruckner, Rusty Evers, Pat Hart, Michelle Tyndal.

Not in Attendance: Barbra Green, Maryalice Woody, Virginia Young

Devotions were given by Michelle Tyndal, who offered the devotions, including a prayer from Mark 11.23-24, about perseverance and praying. Prayer Concerns for Bruce Young; Gaylord Hitchcock; Petty Floyd; Nancy Kessenger who was in the hospital this week, and her husband, Peter; Eden Phillips, infant daughter of Devon and Chaz, who is having some health problems. Thanksgivings: The Air Force has determined that Rusty will remain here until (at least) April, 2018.

Motion by Hank Bruckner, seconded by Pat Hart, to approve minutes of May 19, 2016.

Treasurer's Report given by Rusty Evers. He noted that at the end of May we are about 42% of the way through the year, and he noted what percentage of income in each category has come in, and what percentage of expenses in each category has gone out. Plate and Pledges are still lagging. We discussed that the Maluniu budget lines should probably be adjusted, so as to essentially zero them out, since our budget issues should not be affected by the costs associated with the sale of house. Mike Martin discussed in further detail the Maluniu numbers, capital improvements, repairs, expenses, and the request from Diocesan Treasurer Peter Perreira that we remove from the General Endowment all that we will need in the foreseeable future. Walter moved, Priscilla seconded, and it passed, with one abstention, that we **"remove all but \$200,000 of what is currently in the general endowment."** (This should be approximately \$420,000)

Senior Warden Joanna Witt mentioned that we need to be more vocal in communicating the need for members to stay current with their pledges and even increase their pledges. We also agreed that we need to continue to make it clear to members that we need their pledge monies, and their participation in the life and vitality of the church, and that the sale of the property did not mean that we now have no financial concerns. She mentioned that the Rector and she are working on some written way to communicate this information. It was also suggested that we have another Church meeting at which we speak specifically about our financial situation.

Fundraisers were also mentioned at this point and M.Giovan was asked to find out about the results of the St. John Lutheran fundraiser in May.

Rector's Report: There was unanimous agreement that M.Giovan would purchase a gift card with monies given to clergy for Jim Haskins' funeral and that we would present that to our Priest Associate Hollis Maxson (who requests that he not be given money for any of the many services he performs at St. Christopher's).

It was also agreed that there has not been enough planning to go into participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, but that we are still interested in participating next year with Emmanuel and that we will put it on our calendar to begin that planning in March of next year.

M.Giovan conducted a mid-year run-through of our sub-committee goals for the year: Care of Parish: it was agreed that we should contact Fenny and Cathy as to their interest in pursuing the idea of the youth being involved with the St. Anthony youth; we still need to do acolyte training and recruiting, hold a training for ushers and greeters, and develop home groups that meet for fun, fellowship, etc.

Care of Community: We have clarified donations and procedures regarding donations for events; we continue to evaluate existing programs such as Coffee Hour, IHS, State Hospital, Beach worship, etc.; we are moving forward to promote and continue a more meaningful relationship with the Sr. Center; we need to extend invitations to groups who use our facilities to also join us for worship; and with respect to creative marketing, Ashley Shields is looking into making our facebook a more vibrant expression of St. C.

Care of Property: We have completed the Autism use agreement, and will pursue other office space rental agreements when our improvements are substantially complete; we need to look into a contract regarding fire extinguishers, and the Family Promise fund will be used to install smoke detectors where families spend the night; we will pursue a church insurance audit after the capital improvements are done.

Care of Community: Hank has very graciously agreed to purchase the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns again this year for the September 11 beach mass. The usual plan is that someone purchases it and then we all reimburse him a share (since vestry usually provides this for the beach mass potluck). We all should bring water. We use paper products from our coffee fellowship supply. The office will get the permit. We also will need volunteers to stake out our spot early.

Care of Property: There was a review of the May 22 meeting, which most seem to agree went well. It was acknowledged that this meeting was more about the sale and the improvements to the property, and that we may need another meeting about membership, church participation, our financial situation.

Priscilla reported that the major two capital improvements contracts should be signed by the diocese tomorrow. That is when we will begin needing the money to pay for the improvements.

Next meeting: Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 7 pm, in the library. M.Giovan will be absent. We will say goodbye to Pat Hart at that time. Pat agreed to do the vestry highlights at both services on Sunday, July 3. Hank agreed to do the devotions on July 21. We sang Happy Birthday to Michelle Tyndal, and she led us in compline. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Kathy Winston, Clerk