

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Our Mission: to know and share God's love

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

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES----- August 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.; library

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 by M. Giovan King.

Attendance: M. Giovan King, Joanna Witt, Hal Barnes, Walter Beh, Hank Bruckner, Karen Gifford, Shane Shields, Mary Smith, Josh Stephens, Kathy Winston, and Mary Alice Woody.

Absent: Daryl Cazinha

Devotions were given by Mary Alice Woody, a reading entitled "Creating Momentum," followed by a prayer on the same subject. Mary Smith asked that we continue to pray for her Mom, who she said has made small improvements in her health. Joanna asked that we continue to pray for Dean, who is still very fragile. M. Giovan offered prayers for all the new people who have come to the services recently.

Hank Bruckner made a motion to accept the minutes of July 20th. The motion passed.

Financials: Hal Barnes said that we are above on income (about 54%) and slightly above on expenses. He said that he is very much impressed by how well St. Christopher's manages its finances, partly because of its excellent accountant, Mike Martin. Next, M. Giovan drew everyone's attention to copies of the audit and a discussion followed about the audit, including whether to put it on-line. Walter Beh made a motion to accept the audit. The motion passed. Following this, we talked about stewardship. We were each asked to write a letter (or a paragraph to insert into a letter) to be sent to various members of the church, and we were given pledge letter templates. These letters are due before the next Vestry meeting.

Senior Warden's Report: Joanna Witt read a thank-you note from Colleen Schiefelbein, thanking us for the \$1,000 gift to help her with her studies at the Virginia Seminary. Joanna said she met with our music director Dan, in part to encourage the singing of more contemporary music, as well as support for the concerts, and advertisement for the concerts, etc.

Rector's Report: M. Giovan said that she will be able to open up the church and facility while Lagani is off from August 30th - September 4th. We had a discussion about what we would like to do when the Bishop visits our church. The date Thursday, October 19--our Vestry time and date---was proposed. M. Giovan read a thank-you note from the Seed family.

COMMITTEES:

Care of Parish:

M. Giovan said that we might need another usher training for the use of the name tags, and that the ushers need to remind everyone to put on their name tags for the services and to leave them on for coffee hour. Hal Barnes said that it would be a good idea to have some blank name tags for people who are new to the services. M. Giovan reminded everyone that the Beach Mass is September 10th and passed around a sign-up sheet for condiments, paper products, etc.

Care of Community:

Josh Stephens said that he will get in touch with Allison, the head of the Senior Center. Mary Smith said that the second car wash with the Boy Scouts is in the planning stages.

Care of Property:

M. Giovan said that we are getting close to getting a new insurance quote from a company that is on the East coast. Hal Barnes said we are making progress with getting new toilets for the bathrooms to replace the old leaky ones. He said he can replace the grab-bars himself. He said he will research the sign company situation so that the old sign can be replicated. Hal said that we got a bid from Adon to solarize the facility. He said he is going to get two other bids, as the solar system is initially very expensive. On the downside, he said, HECO is asking for a 20% increase in electricity in the near future.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2017. Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Karen Gifford
Clerk