

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

August 18, 2016; 7:00 pm; Library

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

Attendance: M.Giovan King, Joanna Witt, Priscilla Naile, Walter Beh, Barbra Green, Mary Smith, Hank Bruckner, Maryalice Woody,

Not in Attendance: Kathy Winston, Treasurer Rusty Evers, Virginia Young.

Devotions were given by Barbra Green. Prayer requests included: prayers for Victoria Hawkins, suffering with cancer, and her family; Barbara Edwards (whom Giovan just saw, but who is undergoing more chemo) and Eden, who is doing better.

Motion by Hank Bruckner, seconded by Barbara Green, to approve the minutes of July 21 with the following changes: to note in writing that the motions (and seconds) to approve minutes, treasurer's report and to pay the second installment to Kehaulani Masonry were approved.

In the Treasurer's absence, M.Giovan went through the treasurer's report and noted that we are 58% through the year. We are fairly good on pledging. Plate income is down. Capital improvements are on track. Maryalice expressed concern that the congregation be aware of our financial situation (running a budget deficit, and currently holding some of the income from the property in the Diocesan Endowment and using other for the capital improvements. We agreed that those so inclined should ask three or more people what their understanding of the financial situation of the Church is. We also agreed that it would be well to hold two or three more congregation meetings a year, to continue to clarify the financial situation of St. C's with the congregation.

Senior Warden Report: Joanna Witt talked about the Stewardship University program that M.Giovan, Priscilla, and she attended on August 5 and 6, 2016 (August 5 was for clergy). She emphasized the importance of relationship – feeling connected to God and to the Church family – in stewardship.

Rector's Report: The Rector shared other information about Stewardship University and handed out two pages with (1) two stewardship sample letters that have gone out in the past; and (2) same middle paragraphs for these types of letters, whereby vestry members write about why they are members of and support St. Christopher's. She requested that vestry members get these paragraphs to the office by Thursday, September 15.

She also reviewed the discernment process that James Shire has gone through with Lisa DeLong, John Hawkins, and Mike Seed. Motion by Barbra, seconded by Walter, passed that we nominate James Shire to the priesthood. It was noted that this will be an ongoing process and will take time, as he is at the beginning of his masters studies at U. of Toronto.

M.Giovan also handed out the bylaws with suggested changes to reflect our practices and also to track the diocesan bylaws. This is for perusal and discussion at a later date.

It was announced that Michelle Tyndal had resigned from vestry, leaving two open spots. It was agreed that M.Giovan would ask Eric Mueller, Chaz Devon, and, if necessary Ashley or Shane Shiels, about filling the two open spots on vestry.

Care of Parish: We discussed further the ministry called “Tele-Care”, which was presented at Stewardship University. It is a ministry whereby certain teams of lay people set aside a week about every six months to make calls to every household in the church and ask how we might pray for them. The goal is to begin this program, with a name unique to our church, and at least six folks willing to make calls.

Care of Community: September 11 Beach Mass still in preparation; Daryl is bringing the grill and he and Larry Woody will cook; they will, hopefully with Rusty Evers, arrive early to set out our spot (all will have copies of the permit showing we have reserved the spot There was a reminder that the Bishop will be attending.

Hank Bruckner brought up the homeless ministry of Fr. Richard Cromwell and asked if we could do more to help that. After discussion, it was agreed that the 3rd Sunday’s Thank offering will go to Fr. Richard’s ministry and that this information will appear in the bulletin.

Care of Property: Priscilla reports that things are going well with contracts. She mentioned that there was some extra electric work that needed to be done, that was not anticipated.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 15. Vestry is to have their paragraphs on why they are members of and support St. Christopher’s by then. Devotions – Hank. September 4 Vestry highlights: Mary; 9:30=Hank.

After compline, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

M.Giovan King+
Clerk pro tempore