

# 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- November 17, 2016; 7:00 pm; Library**

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:55 pm by M Giovan King.

Attendance: M.Giovan King, Joanna Witt, Rusty Evers, Kathy Winston, Walter Beh, Hank Bruckner, Barbra Green, Shane Shields, Mary Smith, Maryalice Woody

Absent: Virginia Young

Devotions were given by Hank Bruckner, who gave a meditation from Bishop Stephen Charleston. Prayer Concerns included: John Domke, Pat M (having surgery for cancer), Victoria Hawkins, Frank Embree, also for Gary Galihier and the female passenger killed on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the helicopter crash on Molokai. Prayers of Thanksgiving from Mary Smith, for great success with Family Promise earlier in the month, and for a successful work day the Saturday before the Family Promise weekend. The next work day is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, before the annual Christmas Dinner with the State Hospital.

Motion by Hank Bruckner, seconded by Barbra Green, approved, to accept as written the minutes of October 20, 2016.

Treasurer's Report was received: Rusty reports pledges are slightly under but reminded us that November and December are big months for pledges coming in. We set \$175,000 as our pledge goal for next year and 2017 pledges received are at 73% of the goal at this point. Rusty also mentioned again the need for us to rent out the upstairs offices as soon as possible to bring in needed revenue.

Senior Warden Report: Joanna reports that the goal is to have the organ motor replaced in times for the December 11 Lessons and Carols. We are putting solar on hold, waiting to see what the Diocese does with other churches, and also investigating battery-powered solar.

Rector's Report: Giovan would like to put up the tree in the Church and decorated with the Advent blue ornaments, as well as cards with opportunities for giving goats, mosquito nets, cows, clean water, maternal and child care through the Episcopal Relief and Development Christmas program.

We also went over the resolution for Rector's housing allowance, made a part of these minutes. Walter Beh moved, \_\_\_ seconded, and it was approved to approve the 2017 Rector's housing allowance (there is no financial affect for the Church).

Communication in the Church: Giovan shared the story in the vestry packet about creating healthy communication.

Shane will order a new cordless microphone and obtain a sock for the microphone at the pulpit.

Standing Committees:

Care of Parish: There was consensus that the Recent Comers Gathering went well and Karen Gifford would like to host again. Giovan has asked recent comers for their bios, with the hopes of sharing them in a “recent comers” insert in the bulletin soon. Giovan will be having lunch with Barbara Edwards, Lee Villemot, and Deb Carbacio the second week of December. Giovan reported that she had a conversation in which Devon Phillips and Ashley Shields expressed willingness to oversee the Christmas pageant. Maryalice Woody will also help, as she has experience with the pageant.

Care of Community: Barbra Green stated that the February 11, 2017 crafts fair will be from 9 am to 2 pm. She stated that she had not received much response from parishioners who want to participate. Giovan mentioned that Daryl Cazinha expressed interest in selling fishing items. Anne Waters has expressed willingness to have her paintings for sale and we also have other artists we could ask (e.g., Fred Smith, Kathy Bowers). Barbra Green stated that she went to the Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser which recently raised \$8,000 in one hour.

We were reminded that the Diocese suggests that churches give 1% of their budget to theological education (seminaries, etc.). Giovan stated that she filled out a diocesan form about this with the financial remuneration we have given to James Shire for his preaching, and that that supports his graduate studies in religion at University of Toronto.

Care of Property: We have several new tenants lined up, including another home school program, which will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays, where our current Monday home school group meets; they will also be looking to rent the space on some weekend evenings for “parents’ nights out.” The team reports that new rain gutters are in, upstairs carpet is in, and complete. We are currently preparing a new punch list for Coastal and Kehaulani, and Mary Smith and Walter Beh will work on this.

Mary Smith showed two new signs, ordered from Vista print, to replace the old signs in front of the church. She also demonstrated kits she put together (for \$5) to be placed in the Library, Room 102 and the parish hall, for use if/when people spill things on the carpet.

Giovan also showed a proposed Christmas banner, and shared that Joanna and she had agreed that we’d share a Christmas ad in the newspaper with the other four windward churches, at a cost of \$150 per church.

For the good of the order: Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Devotions: Joanna Witt.

Following Compline, meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Kathy Winston,  
Clerk