

## September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Christ Church Vestry Meeting

Present: Val Neely, Debra McNeil, Sandy Baril, Don Snyder, Nick Pairitz, George Rich, Rev. Janis Hansen

### **I. Call to Order & Invocation**

-Vestry meeting began at 11:30am with invocation by Rev. Janis Hansen

#### **---Sandy set agenda aside to hear George**

-George asked if we would be putting the name of Rev. Janis Hansen on the front sign. The Jr. Warden explained we could not get the stickers for the sign so he has met with Ed and he will be in charge of hand painting 'Rev. Janis Hansen' on the sign after things settle down at his job.

-George requested a date to when the sign will be done; pointing out that Janis was ordained 2months ago already and feels this should be made a priority.

-Deb will check with Ed & find a date it will be done. If Ed can't do it, George volunteered to pay for it to be done.

### **II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

-The vestry referenced page 3 of August's meeting minutes under 'Borrowing Policy'. The policy should say \$5 per table rental fee per day (8 chairs are included)

**\*Don made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes as emailed with borrowing policy revision. Nick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **III. Reports**

-Sandy discussed special meeting about the change to Janis' agreement with Christ Church. She will send out the minutes for future approval.

- a.) See Clergy Report attached after meeting minutes
- b.) See Senior Warden Report attached after meeting minutes
- c.) Junior Warden Report
  - Don reported that the wood bank collected about 20 cottonwood tree trunks and they are drying. There was some splitting done as well.
  - Pews got re-drilled and screws reset. Holes still need filled.
  - There is a broken book holder in a pew that Don will repair

-Sandy asked if Don feels he has enough wood bank help. He does feel there is adequate man power for the wood bank however, he feels help for other church projects is lacking. He requests priority list for church projects.

#### d.) Treasurer's Report

- See Budget Reports included after minutes

- The treasurer pointed out that we are a bit short in pledges but suggests we look at it again next meeting as we are still sitting well presently. Congregants may need a reminder to keep up with donations.

-We are short in the rectory and hall rental income line. We have not gotten money from the bridge club lately perhaps because there are not many members anymore. Amy Pack has not paid the church for the summer's children art class hall rental. Deb said we will give her 10 days and request payment after that.

- We are short for operating income for the year but we are also running short on expenses

-The church received a donation for landscaping but it is not reflected in the financials yet

- Donations for the Romkema baby shower have allowed for a diaper gift package. Everything is on track for the shower.

-The treasurer informed the vestry that Frank would like the minutes and financials posted on the bulletin board. We should include a note on this in the weekly bulletin.

- Deb said we need to get wood bank assets. Don said he wants to get this list and pictures completed before he leaves in early October.

-Sandy would like a pie chart of financials put in our next newsletter.

**\*Nick made the motion to approve financials as presented. Don seconded. The motion carried unanimously**

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### a.) Bookshelves

-Don needs to know the exact location and size of bookcases. He will then discuss with Tom Roberts and they will get them built next spring

##### b.) Policy for borrowing new tables

-Ashley was absent from this meeting and is the one in charge of writing up a borrowing policy. She will have it to present at the next meeting.

#### **V. New Business**

a.) Gloria Lombardi Memorial Garden

-Janis said the Arts and Architecture Committee is looking at having an area with native plants and rocks in the area between the church and parish hall. The committee is having a landscape architect provide designs for them and the vestry to review. He will also do a bore test to determine the health of the trees on the church grounds.

b.) Disposal of old tables.

-The A&A committee determined only 2 of the old tables needed to be saved. Discussion. The vestry feels 4 tables should be saved and the Jr. Warden feels we will be able to store them.

**\*Deb made the motion to donate the old tables we do not need to whoever needs them, priority to local churches, at no cost. Don seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

c.) Tree Removal and New Tree(s)

- JD will take the mostly dead tree on the North side of church. This should be done when the tree is dormant. Don would like to plant the new tree in early spring.

d.) Annual Stewardship Drive

-The Senior Warden will write up a letter to go out to church members.

-Val suggested that we jot some ideas down to create a letter that comes from the heart.

-A few years back people stood up to say how they are blessed. Sandy would like this repeated.

-The stewardship drive usually goes from Oct-Nov. Pledges should be turned in by Nov. 29th

- Deb will write the book keeping portion of the stewardship letter

-Maybe do something special like have people place pledges on the altar

**VI. Other items for consideration by the Vestry**

a.) We may host a combined service w/ the Methodist church for All Saints' Sunday.

b.) The Bishop is coming on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to reserve a hotel room for him and find a place to have dinner. Janis will work with Fr. Harry to get the appropriate reports prepared for the Bishop.

c.) Rev. Janis spoke with the new pastor at New Beginnings Church. He is a retired minister from Helena. She has invited him to join the Ruby Valley Pastor's Association and he is excited to participate.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- Next vestry meeting was scheduled for Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour.

## VIII. Adjournment

\*Sandy made the motion to adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm